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Summit to crack down on abusers

Minister cites campaign by The Independent

REBECCA FOWLER

A Cabinet Minister has called for co-ordinated national action by the Government as part of a drive to stamp out sexual and physical abuse in children's

William Hague, the Secretary of State for Wales, says in a lefter sent to the Prime Minister and other Cabinet colleagues, which has been leaked to the In-dependent: "Whenever abuse of children in public care occurs it naturally gives rise to a strong public reaction. As a government we need to be seen to be responding to this appropri-

Mr Hague is strongly critical of Clwyd Chunty Council for its bandling of the child abuse scandal in north Wales in the 1980s, one of the worst seen in Britain, but he adds: "The issue has ceased to be one simply af-

fecting Wales. "There is talk of a cover-up and this is leading in renewed calls for a public inquiry. As you may have seen, the Independent newspaper is running a sustained campaign.

As many as 200 children were abused in humes in North Wales, and seven care workers have been convicted of serious crimes. In recent years, 12 former residents have committed suicide in circumstances related to their experiences.

In the letter, Mr Hague expresses concern over mounting fears that not all the perpetrators of abuses in Clwyd had been put on trial, intensified by the failure of the councils to publish the findings of the inquiry led by John Jillings, former director of social services

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Mr Hague writes: "There re-

in North Wales that, thorough as the police investigations appear to have been, by no means all the people responsible for the abuse were successfully brought to justice."

He attributes the "mishandling" of the Clwyd inquiry and the failure to publish the Jillings report - to the County Council, which was caught in a stranglehold by its insurance company. The Municipal Mutual insisted the publication of the investigation would be a "dress rehearsal" for claimants pursuing legal action against the local authority, following their traumatic experiences in homes.

Among the issues Mr Hague highlights is "the extent to which the likely loss of insurance cover and the risk of surcharge should oblige local authorities in these circumstances to beed

their insurers' wishes." Despite a series of scandals involving children's homes across Britain, the Government has consistently failed to respond to recommendations for change, including setting up a paedophile register, improved training for workers and better inspection of homes - and a general council to oversee the

Mr Hague says in the letter, also sent to the Lord Chancellor and Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, that Whitehall officials from all the relevant departments should meet urgently to discuss the issues, including more ef-

fective vetting and safeguards.

Mr Hague has ordered the councils in Wales who have taken over from the now defunct Clwyd to edit the report to ensure that it can be pub-lished without fear of libel or repercussions from the insurance company.

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Cause for concern: Mr Hague's letter to Cabinet colleagues

mains a strong feeling of unease



Oscar winner Dustin Hoffman yesterday chose the Cannes Film Festival to attack cinema's falling standards on movie violence.

The actor, whose career has spanned more than 30 years, said that in Hollywood today commerce is "mixed with violence" in a way that he had never seen before.

And referring to the recent mass murders in Dunblane, Scotland, and in Tasmania, Hoffman said: "Look at this global community we live in and what happens in Tasmania and what happens in Scotland. Are you saying it [film violence] doesn't have anything to do with it?

"Do I feel that it contributes?

Absolutely. I feel it all con-tributes. I had a discussion with a'friend of mine the other night I don't know whether you have beard about this in Europe but there were two kids, six and eight years old, who attacked a aby in Chicago.

"Our feeling about it was that this was kind of normal behaviour and that the human being is at best the lowest of savages. We are born savages and if you have little kids like I do you have tn tell them What are you doing? You can't put your fingers in your brother's eyes like that, would you like someone to dn it to you?"

"But now there is a total absence of that kind of training

fect. If those kids are seeing violence in front of them or dent Bill Clinton criticised the seeing an older person doing level of violence in films. that kind of thing they are going to do the same thing.

Hoffman, the star of numerous films including the violent Straw Dogs and Marathon Man, said he rejected scripts that featured gratuitous violence.

"It personally affects my own decisions. I look at a script and if it has what I think is gratuitous violence I won't do it. I haven't taken any steroids lately so it's not a difficult decision to

The actor, who won his two Oscars for Kramer v Kramer and Rain Man, said that he attend-

and the opposite is even in ef- ed a Hollywood fundraising dinner a year ago when Presi-

> "All of us so-called heavyweights were there, the stars, the directors and the studio heads. We all stood around watching Clinton and I thought he was quite brave because he came into Hollywood and he was saying cut down on the

"He said: 'You know when I see vinlence, or when you see violence or your kids see violence, they have mothers and they have fathers and you have three things; you have work, you have family and a certain fi-

"But he said that there were

many people, and kids whn are impressionable, who don't have any of the above and he said they are being affected differ-ently by that kind of stuff on the screen. He said to you guys it's just entenainment but I think it's bitting another level to a lot of those other kids."

"I could see everybody applauding hut I knew it was going to be husiness as usual as soon as Clinton had gone and everyone was going to go right back and make the same kind of movies.

"lt's part of the while thing. Commerce is mixed with violence now in a way that I am Independent today and get the Independent on Sunday

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World's cupboards bare as crop fails

NICHOLAS SCHOON

Unnoticed by Western consumers, the world is passing through its worst period of grain scarcity since the early 1970s. Prices of international-ly-traded wheat have doubled in one year, grain mountains have vanished and stocks are low. Hopes that the world food

crisis might ease were dashed yesterday after the US announced that America's winterwheat harvest this summer would be the worst in almost two decades.

Yesterday's official forecast of the lowest US barvest in 18 years means the risk of worsening hunger, hardship and turmoil in grain-importing poor countries will stay high for at

The harvest, which begins in Texas this month, is the largest of any region in the world. The US is also the world's higgest wheat exporter and wintersown varieties account for 60

per cent of the crop.

Drought last autumn, late frosts and high winds meant an even more disappointing crop than last year's poor one, said the Department of Agricul-ture. As stocks dwindled, the main index price of US wheat has doubled over the past year, rising to a peak of £195 a tonne at the end of last month. "After this disappointing bar-

vest they're not likely to come down," said Richard Woodham, of the Londan-based International Grains Council. Powerful trends have combined to slash the vast grain

exports to the developing world from developed countries, chiefly the US, Canada, the European Union and Australia, after years of crop surpluses...

Cash support to farmers has been cut to curh the grain mountains, because of the high cost to taxpayers and consumers. But developing countries, especially China, have needed to import more, because of population growth and prosperity. A succession of poor harvests was the final factor in turning ahundance into scarcity.
There are 82 poor nations.

half of them in Africa, which import more food than they export. High prices, which flow from the had US barvest, will hit them hard. Spectre of drought, page 8

Heads plan tests boycott

Education Editor

Head teachers are threatening to block the publication of primary school league tables by refusing to release national-test results for 11-year-olds. The National Association of

Head Teachers (NAHT) is exnected to announce next week that it is advising heads to withhold test results. Their action will alarm min-

isters who faced a storm two years ago when teacher unions boycotted national tests. By law, heads are obliged to send test papers to external markers whn are under contract to send the results to the Government. Governments are required also by law to submit results and heads have a legal duty in make results available to governors. Heads say tables will be misleading because they do not take account of pupils' social hackgrounds, or differing abilities.

They are angry that Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education, who said originally that primary league tables would not be published until the tests had bedded down, changed her mind earli-cr this year. The results of this year's 11-year-old tests which hegin on Monday will be published next March,

A spokesman for the De partment of Education and Employment said secondaryschool performance tables were established and well-used by parents, and the time was right for parents to compare primary schools' performance

IN BRIEF

Bupa pulls out Bupa, Britain's biggest health in-surer, with 550,000 subscribers. has decided not to use private beds in NHS hospitals. Page 3

Today's weather Bright after a toggy start, with a scattering of showers. Page 2



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Tories

Tony Blair yesterday launched what is likely to be one of his

party's most dominant themes between now and the election

- that the Tories have created an "insecure majority" for which he claimed Labour was

the new champion.

Mr Blair used his speech 10

the Welsh Labour conference to

condemn the Conservatives in

the wake of the Westminster

"homes for votes" scandal as a

"degenerate party that loves lec-turing the people about right and wrong hut has long since

ceased to know the difference

between right and wrong itself."

jected with references to what

private polling suggests is one

of the lasting reasons for the

Tories failure - so far - to stage

curity and fear". It came as Pad-

dy Ashdown, the leader of the

Liberal Democrats, also com-

bined a scathing attack on the

Tories over Westminster coun-

cil as "the final nad in the cof-fin of Tory probity" with a prediction that the next gener-al election would be "a battle

This included "fear, fuelled

by government legislation, that if you lose your job you also lose

your home. Fear about crime.

Fear that the NHS cannot cope

and that any one of us, any one of our children or our parents could be the victim. Fear of

poverty in old age".

Mr Blair said the electoral

battlefield had once been por-

trayed as "Labour for the poor

and disadvantaged against the

tories as the party of the secure

and comfortable majority."
But, he added: "It has

changed. It is Labour that now

speaks up for the insecure ma-

jority, and puts forward the

policies that meet their con-

Mr Ashdown, while declaring

that the Conservatives had

"the problem for Labour is

that they are so frightened of

their shadow ... that's why peo-

ple don't trust Labour because

they don't know whether the

modern Labour Party is a Tro-jan horse or an empty vessel."

about trust".

a political recovery: "job inse

But his speech was heavily in-

DONALD MACINTYRE

Scottish Tories conference: Prime Minister targets devolution plans as key election issue

Major to warn Labour will tear-up Britain

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

John Major is planning to give Conservatives a rallying call to preserve the Unioo today with a warning that Labour's plans for a Scottish Parliament threaten to "tear apart" Britain.

The Prime Minister's campaigning speech to the Scottish Conservative Party conference in Aberdeen will make constitutional commitment to Scotland a cornerstone of the Tory General Election campaign. Mr Major is expected to claim Labour's devolution plans will eodanger the fabric of Britain, and - coupled with Labour's pro-European stance - damage Britain at home and abroad.

The Prime Minister will seek to draw the line under the Tory losses in the local elections, and turn the Conservative fire on Labour over tax, which was looking increasingly vital for the Tories after Kenneth Clarke

He will hold out the prospect of the return of the "feelgood" damped down hopes of a preelection tax giveaway in the next low interest rates being put at tion," Sir David warned.

Malcolm Riffund, the Foreign

Secretary, yesterday threw out

a referendum deal being bro-

kered by John Redwood and Sir

James Goldsmith to make

Goldsmith to withdraw his

threat to put up independent

candidates against Tories at the

conference in Aberdeen makes

it highly unlikely that Mr Red-

wood will be able to reach any

deal between the Government

and Sir James, the leader of the

Referendum Party. It increas-

es the threat that Euro-sceptic

candidates could be put up

The uncompromising rejec-

tion by Mr Rifkind at the Scot- be part of a looser single mar-

thing clear on tax. Restoring our reputation for competence and regaining the trust of the British people does not involve buying votes through tax cuts that will not last. I have too high a regard for the British people to try and bribe them with tax cuts we can't

Mr Clarke refused to rule out tax cuts, but a rise in borrowing and a £6bn gap in expected VAT receipts has made his room for manoeuvre much smaller.

Instead, Mr Major is planning es, including the "Tartan tax" for the Scottish Parliament, and the "teenage tax", equivalent to £560 a year, if the Shadow Chancellor, Gordoo Brown, scraps child benefit for 16-18year-olds as part of Labour's welfare reforms.

factor" with low inflation and frustration may opt for separa-

Redwood referendum

bid rejected by Rifkind

Tory Euro-sceptic MPs, who support the call for a fresh ref-

erendum on Europe. Bill Cash,

the leading Euro-sceptic cam-

dum oo Britain's membership

of the EU. Mr Redwood pro-

dum, on whether Britain should

Mr Rifkind said: "I don't be-

lieve there is any possibility of

the Government considering

further referendums on Euro-

cy was a specific question."

pean issues. The single curren-

ter steering a careful line over

Mr Rifkind was speaking af-

Budget. The Chancellor told the risk by a Labour Government. conference: "Let me make one In a foretaste of the Tory election strategy, Mr Major will tell wavering supporters Labour would "throw it all away". That message will be seen as an attempt to neutralise the power of Labour's appeal that it is

"time for a change".

The commitment to the Union was reinforced by Cabinet ministers at the Scottish conference, led by Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman. Claiming the Conservatives would be the only party with candidates wedded to mainto focus his conference attack taining the Union, Dr Mawhin-on the threat of Labour tax ris-ney said: "We are a Unionist party by conviction.

However, Sir David Steel, the former Liberal Democrat leader, last night warned Mr Major he was making a fatal mistake in opposing more devolved powers for Scotland. "It is they who are risking the Union. Without a Scottish Parliament, more people out of

the Euro-sceptic Scottish Sec-

was part of a cynical exercise to

destroy competition by Britain.

recommendation of EU vets for

the partial lifting of the ban on

partners to accept that recom-

mendation," he said. "I have to

say to nur European partners

that the strategy pursued by

them has not worked in that

they hoped that by banning

British beef their own industry

"We look to our European

in the right directioo'.

retary Michael Forsyth.

paigner, will force a vote in June stepped questions about Mr

in the Commons on a referen- Forsyth's view, that the ban

posed a compromise referen- He told the conference that the



Peter Lilley, who yesharday claimed the Tories were the true party of the working class

Lilley overture to 'Essex Man'

COLIN BROWN

An attempt to win back the support of "Essex Man" was made yesterday by Peter Lilley, the ference of approach to Europe between Michael Heseltine and Secretary of State for Social Security, with a claim that the Conservatives were the true party of The Foreign Secretary sidethe working class.

Dismissing Lahour's claims that the Tories were only a middle-class party. Mr Lilley told the Scottish Conservative Party conference in Aberdeen that the party's appeal went far hroader.

Conservatives are the party of the hard-working classes. We

don't care if they have hlue col-lars or hlue blood," he said. The home of "Essex Man" -Basildon - fell to Labour in last week's local elections, underlying the extent to which the Tories have lost the traditional

vatives who put Margaret Andrew Neil (former editor of Thatcher in power.
'Mr Lilley's remarks were

seen as a signal that the party's right wing, to which Mr Lilley helongs, will be pushing for a more strident appeal to win back the working class Tom supporters in the run-up to the general election.

The Secretary of State be-came the third Cabinet minister in two days to claim that plans by Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, to scrap child benefit for 16 to 18-yearwould amount to a "teenage tax" costing families £560 a year.

Ridiculing Labour's search for a solution to rising welfare spending, he said: "First they flirted with the Signapore model. Then with the Australian a monopoly on cellulite?" model. Now with the Japanese model. They have dallied with

support of blue collar Conser- more seductive models than

the Sunday Times). And their commitment lasis as long."

The search for a populist manifesto for the Conservative Party was highlighted in a question and answer session. Phil Gallie, the Fory MP for Ayriwon majority support in a straw poll of Tory representatives for a manifesto commitment lo hring back the death penalty.

There was also strong support for silencing the Duchess of York and the Princess of Wales. Annabel Goldie, the deputy chairman of the Scottish Tory Party, called for a prohibition on "estranged and divorced royal spouses appearing daily in the newspapers and selling their stoties to Hello magazine. What makes them think they have got

IN BRIEF

Murder squad in hunt for gunman Murder squad detectives are hunling a 31-year-old man who fled after allegedly threatening them with a shotgun. South Wales police said David Alfred

Willoway may he armed. They were investigating the murder of Helen Martin, 18, where battered body was found at the Symond's Yat beauty spot in Herefordshire on Wednesda, four days after she was last seen at a Maesteg pub.

Detectives who watched a security viden showing Helen leave the pub discn said yesterday they had traced a 30-year-old local man who dropped her near her home.

Rover cars recalled

Rover is recalling more than 20,000 cars with a steering problem. Some M and N-registration Rover 600s have suffered loose mounting bolts on the steering rack. Rover has written to all affected owners asking them to contact their dealer to have free checks done.

Blaze death charge

A security guard was sent for trial accused of killing firefighter Fleur Lombard, 21, who died in a supermarket blaze in Bristol in Fehruary. Martin Cody, 20, made no plea at the city's Crown Court to charges of manslaughter and arson with intent to endanger life. Ms Lomhard was Britain's first woman firefighter to die on duty.

Coach crashes

Nine children were taken to hospital after their coach was involved in n head-on collision with a van in Salford, Man-chester. The driver of one of the vehicles was trapped for more than an hour before being freed by firefighters. He was taken to hospital with serious injuries.

don't like Fridays

The showbusiness couple Bob Geldof and Paula Yates have divorced. Mr Geldof, 41, was given an honorary knighthood or setting up the charity Band Aid. Ms Yates, 35, is a television presenter and newspaper columnist. They married in 1986 and have three children-Fifi Trixibelle, 12. Peaches, 6, and four-year-old Pixie.

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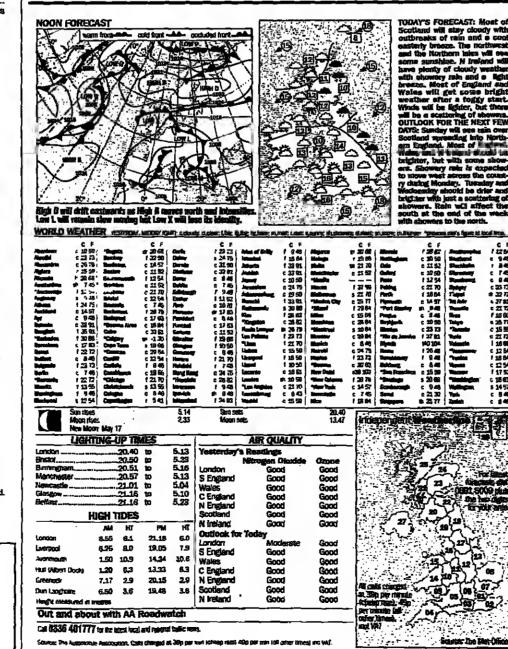
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Loss of Bupa patients 'will mean NHS cuts'

NICHOLAS TIMMINS. Public Policy Editor

A move by Bupa, Britain's biggest health insurer, to encourage its 550,000 personal subscribers to switch to private hospitals rather than NHS paybeds could have a devastating impact on NHS treatment. health service chiefs warned yes-

The switch could lead to the collapse of the NHS's £250m private patient income, Marco Cereste, chairman of the NHS Trust Federation claimed. That in turn would lead to cuts in NHS services as hospitals lost the profits from private patients and the efficiency gains from running pay-beds along-

The move was potentially "a NHS.

catastrophe" for the NHS, he said, adding: "We are not going to take this lying down." The Federation is consulting lawyers over whether Bupa's move is legal and will hold talks with PPP. Norwich Union and the other insurers to organise a fightback, Mr Cereste said.

Bupa accused the federa-tion of "overreaction" - saying that only £16m of its pay-outs for personal subscribers went to

But Norwich Union, the third biggest health insurer, accused Bupa of reducing "choice and diversity" for its customers, adding that the move was aimed at protecting Bupa's own hospitals and those of the other private providers when they have been losing husiness to the

The row follows last month's aunch of Bupa's new Health private rather than NHS units. But where it was clinically neclaunch of Bupa's new Health Fund which allows subscribers to build up credits which can then be spent on other health care products such as long-term care or fitness clubs.

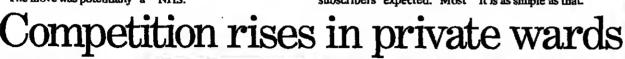
In return, subscribers will normally he limited to a choice of only 150 private hospitals, including Bupa's own and those of Nuffield and BMI with whom the health insurer has cut advantageous deals.

Bruce Tranter, Bupa's marketing director, said it had gone only for private hospitals in part because there was "a question mark" over whether NHS pay-beds would continue under a Labour government. In addition, they offered the high qual-

ary and cleared with Bupa beforehand, padeots would still be able to use private NHS beds. he said. The federation was "overre-

acting", he added. Even if all its subscribers transferred to the oew fund, the NHS would lose a maximum of £16m of business. "I don't know where the £250m figure comes from."

Mr Cereste, however, said the loss of £16m could be enough to destabilise the rest of the trusts' private patient income. "As a result, the whole organi-sation could collapse, costing us £200m to £250m in lost income. If that revenue stops, fewity "hotel" facilities Bupa's er NHS patients will he subscribers expected. Most It is as simple as that." er NHS patients will be treated.



Growing competition between private hospitals and the NHS lies behind yesterday's furious dispute over Bupa's move to restrict its private subscribers to

using chiefly private hospitals. Since 1990, the NHS has re-versed a historic decline in its share of the private patient market, with a rapid expansion in NHS private units seeing it take 16 per cent of the business last year against a mere 11 per cent five years ago. Next year, independent analysts predict, it may take 20 per cent, making the NHS the higgest single provider of private care.

The expansion has come at the expense of the big private bospital groups - including BUPA itself - with occupancy across all private hospitals running at only 50 to 60 per cent, industry analysts said yesterday.

Bupa has also launched a novel Health Fund, simed at restoring its declining share of



health products from critical illness cover to disability income.

The price is a more restricted choice of hospitals for pri-vate treatment - down to 150 private-only hospitals against the 800-or-so, including NHS Trusts, which provide at least some private patient facilities. Bupa yesterday argued this

represented little change as more than 80 per cent of its subscribers already use the private sector rather than NHS pay-

But Tim Baker, Norwich Unioo's commercial manager, accused Bupa - whose main hoard includes Sir Duocan Nichol, the former NHS chief executive - of reducing "choice and diversity" for its clients and of acting to protect its hos-

he said. Many private hospitals could not cope with a lot of the more complex work, he said. Patients might have to travel from Norwich to Loodon, for example, to find a private hospital.

Norwich Unioo would continue to use NHS pay-beds, as "they are often more cost effective because they are able to share services with NHS hospitals. We want to eocourage NHS pay-beds in order to encourage diversity and choice."

PPP, the second largest in-surer, also said: "We have no plans to exclude NHS pay beds from our cover. In many respects the NHS is the provider of choice for our customers and we have plans to huld on that relationship in future."

Industry estimates varied over how serious the impact of Bupa's move would be oo NHS services, some suggesting that the NHS Trust Federation was overstating it. Bupa itself said the private insurance market. It pital ioterests from NHS com-offers those who switch to it petitioo. "There are hig of its subscribers switched to its "credits" that can be used to-consumer disadvantages here," oew scheme. Even if all 550,000 it would depend on how many

subscribers did so, only £16m at most of the NHS pay-bed busi-

ness of approaching £250m would be affected, Bupa argued. But William Laing of the an-alysts Laing and Buisson said that outside London a £16m loss "might well have a pretty devastating effect on a number of NHS pay-bed units."

Marco Cereste, the NHS Trust Federation chairman, said "we are not just going to allow this to happen." NHS pay-beds offered the hetter deal, he maintained. "For Bupa to have a preferred provider arrangement which excludes the NHS is ridiculous when if something does go wrong in a private hospital the patient will end up in

the NHS anyway."

Despite the sharp growth in NHS private patient activity, it makes up less than 1 per cent of most NHS Trusts income, although some 50 earn more than 2 per cent of their income from private patients.



Nicholas Timmins | Sitting pretty: Wembley being prepared for today's FA Cup final Photograph: Robert Hallam

United hero to stay away from Cup

WILL BENNETT

As Manchester United's Premicr League heroes walk onto the turf at Wembley today, one of the club's greatest names from the past will not be there to watch them. Rather characteristically, the most likely place to find George Best will be in his local pub.

The last time Best - the mercurial Ulsterman whose raw ability thrilled a generation -went to Wembley, he was mobbed by enthusiastic fans and ended up watching the match in a nearby hotel room. It is an experience he does not want to re-

As United take on Liverpool today in an attempt to win the double, the Championship and the FA Cup. Mr Best will probably be watching in the pub in Chelsea, south-west London, where be is a familiar figure. He said: "It will be full of Chelsea

fans so I cao ruh it in." More than 400 Manchester United and Liverpool fans will not get to watch the match cither. When they turn up at Wembley today they will find that the tickets for which they have paid up to £500 each on

the black market are stolen. Paul Sergeant, director of Wembley Stadium, said: "Every FA Cup final ticket is recorded somewhere in the system. We know exactly which tickets were stolen and anyone coming in with one of those will definitely be stopped and probably arrested as well."

Bookmakers say that this year's final will attract record bets, and both leams are quoted at 13-8 to win in normal time, making it the closest final ever.

Trevor Phillips, a senior Football Association official who resigned as an investigation began into alleged illegal ticket sales for the Euro 96 football championships yesterday denied any wrongdoing. "I am sure that I have done oothiog to he ashamed of," he said.

Fourteen killed as air crash mars giant Allied exercise

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Camp Lejeune, North Carolina

The biggest joint British and US military exercise since the Gulf War was overshadowed by tragedy yesterday when two US Marine helicopters collid-ed in darkness, killing 14 people and seriously injuring two. The CH46 Sea Knight trans-

port helicopter and AH-1 Co-

hra attack helicopter collided over Courthouse Bay, five miles oorth of the heach where British and US Marines had begun landing at midnight. The aircraft crashed in

flames at 2am, their wreckage landing in a marshy, wooded area, making identification difficult. No British personnel were involved.

As the troops began landing

- the climax of the exercise -The US authorities have dozens of helicopters flew overlaunched an investigation, head, showing red safety lights, which is expected to take sevbut more reliant than usual on eral months. Flying operations were halt-ed immediately after the crash night vision equipment. At one point on Thursday a thousand

aircraft were in the air. Althoogh the Sea Knight is approaching the end of its useful life, Pentagon sources said

yesterday they did not think me-chanical failure was to blame.

hut resumed after dawn. The US Marines - whose headquarters are at nearby Camp Lejeune - were devastated by the news, but said they were carrying on with the exercise.

The Secretary of State for Defence, Michael Portillo, who

landed with one of the waves of British troops at 8.30am yes-terday, said the British fleet was flying flags at half-mast out of respect for the US casualties. "It just goes to show that, even on an exercise, servicemen

take risks," Mr Portillo said. "Of course they'll be a shadow, but none the less the exercise will be of great value to save life in the future.

Exercise "Purple Star" is the higgest British amphibious operation since the Falklands and the biggest joint US and British exercise of this type since the Al-lies' Normandy landings in

A total of 38,200 US personnel and 15,600 British are involved. The US Air Force is providing 171 aircraft, the RAF 56: the US Navy 26 ships and the Royal Navy 27.

But most of the aircraft are from the US Marines' Second Marine Expeditionary Force which has 30 flying squadrons, totalling more than 400 aircraft. The main body of this force -40,000 Marines - is based at Camp Lejeune and the air component at two Marine Corps air stations, New River and Cherry Point. The helicopters involved in Friday morning's crash were from 266 Marine Aviation Squadron based at

New River. The US authorities declined to release the names of the dead until their families had been in-



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'War game' proves point for new rapid deployment force

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY

"It's a Sceptre - special forces - on their way inland." A heaving droning sound a few hundred feet above in the starry midnight sky was an AC-130 Sceptre - a modified gunship -Hercules used by the US special forces. Three to five miles out to sea a oecklace of lights showed the position of 13 big ships out of a total of nearly 60 British, other European and US

Ships massing off shore.
At midnight, right on time, 42.
Commando Royal Marines in landing craft and US marines in bovercraft hit the dark beach. a few lights picking up the white surf in their wake: "Purple Star" was under way. The special forces - the

American Seals, the British Special Boat Service and the patrol group from 3rd Commando Brigade - were aiready ashore and 45 Commando had landed by helicopter at an inland drop zone an hour before. Only the lights told you it was an exercise - if it was real, the ships would have been com-

pletely hlacked out. But even

so, any of the forces invading

the fictitious Republic of Kar-

tuna would have heard and

MICHAEL STREETER

tween the pair's representa-

The Princess met the Queen

on Wednesday to express her

coocern at the slow progress of

tives have effectively stalled.

inland to end the aggression of the neighbouring state of Korona and enforce the UN's will. They had begun to assemble on Thursday, 30 miles off Onslow Beach, North Carolina. Com-

manding the assault was HMS Fearless. Ahead was Sir Tristran, repaired after taking a hit in the Palklands, and Sir Galehad built anew after its predecessor was destroyed. On the horizon were eight gunships, sleek shapes like the British Cumberland and Southampton and US warships with 5-inch guns.

lasted for nearly five months. In

contrast the Duke and Duchess



sand British and US troops, sailors and airmen, were driving

recently inaugurated at North-wood, Middlesex, and of the

off the coast. Fifty-four thouthe sweat and physical effort at the sharp end cootrasted with the almost abstract language and detachment of the pla The exercise is part of the fi-nal work up for Britain's new permanent joint headquarters.

joint rapid deployment force which includes 3 Commando and 5 Airborne hrigades.

In spite of a long tradition of inter-service rivalry in Britain it is clear that in all future operations the services will work together, even at the lowest level. There is still some resistance to the idea, but none was evident "at the sharp end" yesterday.

As in all military operations

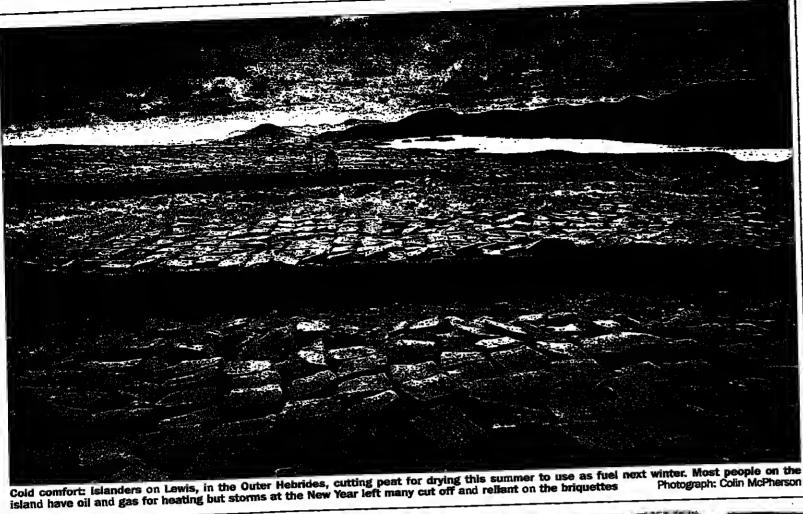
Diana asks the Queen to hasten divorce the proceedings, which have ed in December 1992. The af-

> the best possible divorce terms. side failed to speed up progress she may simply pull out and wait The main obstacle to settlement appears to be money. for the Prince to go for a divorce Speculation about the lump based on five years separation sum the princess has been seek-- meaning a delay of nearly two ing ranges from £15m to £50m, more years. They formally part-

a sum the Prince could oot afford on his own. He is thought ternooo meeting with the Queen, who sees all senior to be looking for a cheaper deal based on annual payments from his Duchy of Cornwall. There are also negotiations over the Princess's title after divorce.

Buckingham Palace refused to confirm the meeting, merely observing that the Queen meets family members regularly and that "the Princess of"

The Queen has been urged to members of the Royal Family on of York reached a divorce setintervenc again in the divorce a regular basis, is regarded by tlement within ten days. negotiations between the Prince She is believed to have "imsome observers as yet another and Princess of Wales after a "ploy" by the Princess to obtain plied that if Prince Charles's personal complaint from Princess Diana that talks be-



College inquiry stresses needs of employers

FRAN ABRAMS Education Correspondent

Academic study could take a back seat to the needs of employers and to international competitiveness in the biggest review of higher education in Britain for more than 30 years.

Five business people and a trades unionist will join seven university representatives, a head teacher, a student and a senior further education college official on Sir Ron Dearing's committee of inquiry, due to

report next year. Terms of reference for the inquiry, published yesterday, emphasise the need for universities to supply graduates with the skills needed by

the need to be internationally competitive are mentioned 10 times, scholarship only four.

Sir Ron and his committee have been asked to look at how the purpose, shape, structure, size and funding of higher education need to develop to meet the needs of the UK over

the next 20 years. In the past 15 years the proportion of 18-year-olds going to university has risen from one in five to almost one in three, and five to almost one in three, and more mature people have taken up university places. The expansion has led to debate on sindent grants and loans and on the quality of degrees.

Sir Ron's hardest task will be solving the problem of student

solving the problem of student support. Students say of grants topped up by loans leave them impoverished, hut accept the only way forward is bigger loans paid hack over a Innger period. Both main political parties have shifted their views on the subject in the past year, but are reluctant to announce their policies before the election.

The committee has been asked to look at degree quality, which is already the subject of an inquiry by the universities quality council. There has been understand the announcement was developed in the subject of an inquiry by the universities quality council. There has been inquiry," he said.

industry. The labour market and talk of a national curriculum for

Among its members will be Baroness Dean, formerly the print workers union leader Brenda Dean, and Sir Geoffrey Hulland, furmer permanent secretary at the Department for Education and now a vice-chancellor. Business people have been appointed from Sainsbury's. Psion Plc, Ulster Bank, Glaxo-Wellcome and the Weir Group, a Glasson, based

Weir Group, a Glasgow-based pump and valve manufacturer's. Announcing the inquiry's membership and remit yesterday Gillian Shephard, Secretary day Gillian Shephard, secretary
of State for Education, said it
would have a significant influence on future generations.

"Higher education has a
vital role to play in raising the

levels of the nation's skills and competitiveness and thus enhancing our capacity to generate wealth and to improve our quality of life," she said. Labour nominated several

members to the committee. David Blunkett, the party's education spokesman, welcomed the announcement. He said: "It was developed in the same spirit of bi-partisanship which governed the establishment of the

Maxwell backs Oyston defence

court yesterday that he had dined out with the tycoon Owen Oyston and a woman the millionaire is accused of raping three years after the sex attack was alleged to have taken place.
Mr Maxwell told Liverpool

Crown Court he remembered the occasion in 1992 because it was only hours before his dawn arrest by the Serious Fraud Office on charges on which he has since been acquitted.

He said he had met Mr Oyston, 62, at the Hilton Hotel in central London and had drinks rested once in my life and you in his hotel suite with the don't forget it. You don't forget what you were doing a few woman and the tycoon's pe sonal assistant. The four of them had gone on to an Italian trattoria in Chelsea.

The model claims Mr Oyston raped her in 1989, when she was aged 18, at his country home near Lancaster. He denies the charges and the rape and infriends with Mr Oyston, the sumes on Monday.

Kevin Maxwell, son of the late chairman of Blackpool Football Club, after he wrote expressing Club, after he wrote expressing condolences over their father's death in 1991.

Mr Oyston and the woman had seemed to be on "perfect-ly amicable" terms, Mr Maxwell said. "There was no friction at all in the room. I remember assuming she was his girlfriend."

Mr Maxwell said he had not heen able to remember the woman's name hut had recognised her from a photograph. Challenged about how he could remember the occasion so clearly, he said: "I have only been arhours before, you don't forget

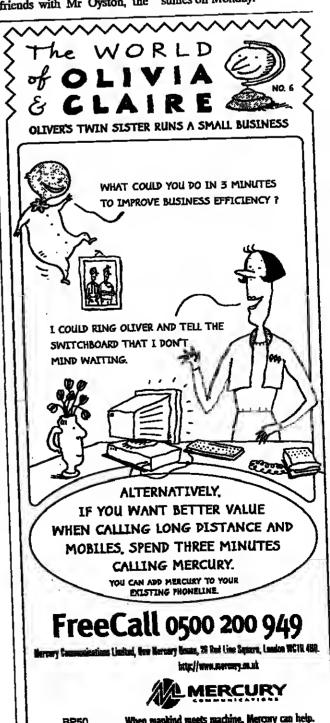
it ever." A man and woman from the jury had earlier squeezed into the back seats of a Toyota Supra sports car to test the claims of the second alleged victim that Mr Oyston had forced her to decent assault of a girl aged 16.

Mr Maxwell said he had become driven to his home. The case re-



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Bill on stalking commandeered by Home Office

Parliamentary Correspondent

Accusations were traded vesterday after the Government blocked a hack-bench Bill to outlaw stalking, and announced that it was preparing its own leg-

Labour MP Janet Anderson told the Commons that governmeot tactics meant "victims of stalking would have to wait at least another year to be put

out of their misery" The single word "object", called out by a Government whip as Ms Anderson's stalking Bill came up for a formal Secood Reading, coosigned the measure to legislative obliv-

Earlier in the day, David Maclean, Minister of State at the Home Office, said the Government would publish its own proposals "at the earliest op-

Dismissing Ms Andersoo's Bill as "full of flaws", he said:

lawful business could find them-selves hranded as criminals." He added: "She has made a

valiant attempt to come forward with a Bill, but unfortunately the scope of it is much too wide." Labour believes the Gov-

ernment has simply seen tack-ling the menace of stalking as a popular issue - ideal for the kind of action Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, likes to un-veil at Conservative Party con-Ms Anderson said: "Ministers

know very well that they could amend the Bill in committee. Their proposals will be similar to mine but what they cannot stand is the thought of a Labour MP getting the credit for putting this measure on to the statute book."

Ms Andersoo, MP for Rossendale and Darwen, estimates that around 3,000 people are stalked each year.

She drafted her Bill after talks with the Lord Chancellor, senior Home Office officials, the Po-

quire the stalker to undergo Breaking the order would be

zone around a victim and re-

a criminal offence.
The Bill included a legal definition of stalking - making it an offence to follow, watch, approach by telephooe, interrere with property, leave of-fensive material or regularly visit "so that the other person is likely to be harassed, alarmed, distressed or to fear for their

Mr Howard insisted on Radio 4's World at One programme that he was "as keen as anyone to take effective action to end the misery which is caused by

But be added: "You can't do that by a Bill which isn't workable and which criminalises

many innocent activities." Uoder existing legislation, stalkers cannot be prosecuted if their obsessive pursuit falls short of intentional harassment "We believe its scope is too lice Federation and the Suzy or threatening behaviour, wide. It could mean that inno-ceot people going about their lt proposed enabling magis-ing terror to their victims.

Court bans Eubank stalker

well back m defen

A judge yesterday ordered a man alleged to have stalked the wife of the former world boxing champion Chris Eubank to stay away from her home.

who is in hospital undergoing treatment under the Mental Health Act, was granted at Brighton County Court. The case came on the day

that the Government announced it would hring in measures to outlaw stalking "at the earliest opportunity" after rejecting as "unworkable" and "full of flaws" a private Bill put forward by the Labour back-hencher Janet Anderson.

by deputy district judge Albery Humphry was taken out by Kar-Bennett after he was arrested on said she was "terrified" as she



the roof of the couple's home

spotting him when the house's ron Eubank, 30, against Mr security alarm went off. Police

watched bim roam through the gym which adjoins the house.

belongings, including a pair of 29-year-old Eubank's boxing gloves, said police. Paperwork relating to the boxer's business interests was also defaced.

A spokesman for Eubank who was away on business - later said he was "upset" by what

Turner, said the injunction prevented Mr Bennett, 32, from going within 200 metres of the boxer's property and pestering

or harassing her.

murdering Jews more than 50 years ago, is led into the Old Bailey vesterday, to stand trial in Britain's first ever war crimes

He faces three charges of

Szymon Serafinowicz, an 85-

year-old refugee accused of

fore Mr Justice Potts.

Serafinowicz, who was wear ing a maroon V-neck jumper, blue check shirt, heige jacket

name, during the 36-minute

The grey-haired retired car-penter from Banstead, Surrey, spoke just once, to coofirm his court for most of the appearance because of a hearing problem. He did not coter any

hearing in court number one be-The first charge claims that on 9 November, 1941, Serafinowicz "a person resident in the UK on the 8th day of March,

ulation of the laws and customs of war".

The second allegation, worded in similar terms, alleged the offence was committed between 31 December and 1 March, 1942, in the village of Kry-

Dolmatowszczyzna, another village under German occupa-

John Nuttiog QC, prosecuting, told the court that the full trial, due to start on 6 January next year, was expected to last between two and three months.

However, a preliminary hear-ing has been fixed for 16 October. Serafinowicz was granted

The last charge states that be-A police helicopter was killing Jews during the German 1990, in Mir, Belorussia, a town tween 1 January, 1942 and 2 occupation of Belorussia, now called out to trap an intruder. and brown trousers with suede then under German occupation, Damage estimated at £4,000-Belarus, in the wioter of 1941shoes, was allowed to leave the murdered a Jew [unknown] in May the same year, he murconditional bail £5,000 was dooe to the house dock and sit in the well of the circumstances constituting a videred a third unknown Jew in

A temporary injunction against Russell Bennett, 32,

The Eubanks: Intruder 'terrifled' boxer's wife

Yesterday's injunction issued

in Hove, East Sussex, wearing the ex-champion's boxing shorts and trainers on Tuesday night. Mrs Eubank pressed a panic button to alert police after

No charges were hrought against Mr Bennett, who was ordered to undergo treatment. Later, outside the court, Mrs Eubank's solicitor, Miss Naomi

tasies about abducting and killing a young boy would turn into reality, an Old Bailey court heard yesterday. "It was a fantasy. It was just something we talked about. It was nothing we were going to do. We did oot plan it - it was

just talk," Brett Tyler told po-

One of the two alleged mur-derers of nine-year-old Daniel Handley told police that he never believed their sexual fan-

lice in a videoed interview af-, blindfolding a boy so he could ter his arrest.

"I never thought we were really going to do it. I did not think Tim Morss did either. Tyler said he and Morss

would drive around "and just alk and fantasise about grabhing a boy, taking him hostage and do anything you ever dreamt about - any sexual perversioo you could think of". The fantasy involved either

not see and then letting him go "or you would have to kill him. When I said 'no' Tim said he

Murder trial told of kidnap sex fantasy

could do it, Tyler told officers. Morss, 33, of Leyton, east London, has admitted murdering, buggering and falsely im-prisoning Daniel on 2 October 1994. Tyler, 30, of no fixed address, denies murdering the boy, but admits buggery and false imprisonment

Daniel was snatched from a London street while riding his bike, taken to a flat, and sexually assaulted. He was then driven towards Bristol, strangled in a lay-by, and buried in woodland. His body was unearthed

Tyler said Morss had said he was getting frustrated and would "love to do a snatch". "I just went along with the fantasy." He said they bad

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filmed each other taking it in turns to bugger the boy. Tyler had smoked cannabis and bad a vodka and tonic before.

Tyler told police that, when he asked Morss whether he had dreams or thought about the killing, his friend had replied "no". "He just said he wished he had more time with Daniel. He said it was a waste and he wanted another one."

The trial continues on Monday.

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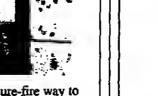
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Patients on-line to improve health choice

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Health authorities should set up "virtual reality health councils" so that patients can access information from public

computers in the high street. Ordinary people must be "given power over themselves, their illnesses and their lives", said John Spiers, chairman ni the Patients Association. addressing a conference of can-

cer specialists in Birmingham. Mr Spiers said regional health anthorioes should pro-vide data on treatments' success rate and patient experiences which could be posted on the internet. This then could be accessed by rich or poor alike from computers in public places paid for by the authority.

"Information on public bealth should be available in every high street. It will change the emphasis, he said. There will be a fundamental change in the distribution of intelligence."

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Trust, warned that more information was not always a good

He told the Cancer Services: From Calman To the Millennium conference that the emphasis should be on good quality data. "Poor quality information attractively pack-aged on the internet is the sonal experiences." worst of all possible worlds," he said. There should be less concentration on the medium

and more on the message." But doctors should realise that the patient knows best when it comes to judging the impact of disease, added a consultant clinical psychologist.

They often failed to grasp

what concerns their patients, but if they took their views into consideration they could find which treatment most effectively help quality of life, said Dr Anne Cull from the Imperial Cancer Re-search Fund's medical oncology unit at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh.

When patients were asked how much their experience tallied with the doctor's perception of it on a scale of 0.1 to 1 (where 0.1 was completely unrelated and I was perfect agreement), the result came out at 0.31.

ten poor judges of patients' experience," she said. "Symptoms and side-effects do affect patients' quality of life. Patients often welcome quality of life ssment within their treatment as a vital opportunity to explain their feelings and per-

When cancer patients in Canada were asked to fill in a questionnaire they were so keen to have their feelings made known that 95 per cent replied,

answering 99 per cent of it.
Dr Cull told delegates that
such data could be used to give
patients more information about the implications of treatments, enabling them to make more informed choices. But she added that further research into areas such as sexuality fatigue and brain function still needed to be carried out to ensure the clinical usefulness of quality of life measurement.

"Quality of life assessment in clinical practice may require a modest investment of staffed time, but it provides a cost-ef-fective means of highlighting the patients' concerns which will lead to improvements in doctorpatient communications."

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Part-time hermit seeks Girl Friday to share wild life

MICHAEL PRESTAGE

Surviving in the wilds of Snowdonia, North Wales, for weeks on end can be a challenging and lonely business, which is why Tony Westwood is looking for a Girl Friday to share his

In an offer that echoes Gerald Kingsland who took a partner to a tropical paradise on the island of Tuin, Mr Westwood, 33, hopes the loneliness of his chosen lifestyle can be lifted. Mr Kingsland's partner, Lucy Irvine, wrote a best-selling book

on her experiences which spawned the film Castaway. starring Oliver Reed and Amanda Donohoe.

All Mr Westwood can guarantee is that worms are only caten as a last resort and if a film is made the production costs will be considerably lower. Speaking from his cottage on

the borders of the Snowdonia national park, five miles from Caernarfon, the nearest town, Mr Westwood explained that local women had shown only reluctance to share his two-month expedition this summer.

Without sounding unpleasant, the girls tend to be all white shoes and handbags. They are not keen on the idea of a home built from branches and leaf mould," he said.

He makes rope from plants and tree bark; fashions clay pots and has a North American Indian-designed loom for making cloth. He lives on a targely veg-

etarian diet of plants such as thistle and the inner bark of the willow tree, supplemented with fish he spears or traps. Animals are only snared and eaten as a last resort, as are crickets and grasshoppers, though he points out the insects rival steak for protein.

An out-of-work labourer, Mr Westwand first turned to bushcraft three years ago after reading a book on surviving in the wild. But he eschews the Rambo overtones of many of his fellow practitioners.
"There's leads of people into

military magazines and cracking on they are former members of the Special Air Service," he said, "If anybody ever asks I tell them I'm ex-SAS - an ex-Salvation Army Singer. It helps take them down a peg. For myself I just enjoy the outdoors." He has used his skills in

charity events to raise money for the Hope House Children's Respite Hospice, Oswestry, Shropshire, Unfortunately, few major sponsors came forward. With his shaven and tattoord head and nose rings he admits his appearance is off-putting.

"People tend to be prejudiced if you don't look how they expect," he said, "I had the tattoos done when I was 18 and ... have gone bald since."

He was unsure just where the best place would be to advertise for a suitable partner but hopes the publicity over his appeal will encourage a suitable volunteer to step forward.

'Host' of clues to unsolved murder and over

A man who served two years in jail after being wrongly convicted of murdering his girl
The judges mentioned a friend's parents yesterday urged police to follow up "a whole host of leads" mentioned by Court of Appeal judges in their rea-sons for freeing him. Jonathan Jones, 37, of Orp-ington, Kent, was freed on 25

April after the three appeal judges said they were all "of the clear view" that his conviction for killing Harry Tooze, 64, and his 67-year-old wife Megan were unsafe. Mr Jones and his girlfriend

Cheryl Tooze were outraged when South Wales police issued a statement, shortly afterwards, saying they were not looking for anyone else in connection with the killings at the Toozes' farmhouse in Llanharry, Mid Glamorgan, in July, 1993.

But yesterday, in their rea-sons for clearing Mr Jones, the judges mentioned sightings of four-wheel drive vehicles near the farmhouse, noisy arguments and a mystery middle-aged man seen with the Toozes.

Mr Jones said: "It is now time the police got off their backsides these murders." and reopened the investigation. I know they have been investigating the case even while

The judges mentioned a whole host of leads which were never followed up. The police own computers which could have been used to try to trace the Suzuki seen near the farmhouse by neighbours. That was never done."

He added: "I don't think the

inquiry was ever completed. It was superficial. It should not just be closed, it should be reopened and lessons learnt from what has happened."

Ms Tooze, 36, added: "I no longer have any respect for the South Wales police ... Somewhere there is a person or persons who killed my parents out there and they may kill again, That is why the investigation must be reopened but I don't think South Wales police should do it."

South Wales police later stressed that the file on the murders was not closed. Assistant Chief Constable Boh Evans said: "We wish to re-emphasise that we will rigorously follow up any new information which may enme to light in respect of

The farce noted that the Court of Appeal had made no adverse comment or criticism of I was in prison and it is no good the police investigation.

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Space satellites to study effect of Sun's lethal wind

TOM WILKIE Science Editor

A flying formation of four iden-tical satellites will be launched by the European Space Agency later this month to watch the weather in space and study the effect on the Earth of storms on the surface of the Sun.

The "Cluster" space mission will probe how the Earth's magnetic field acts as a shield to divert the torrent of sub-nuclear particles streaming out from the Sun. These particles of the "solar wind" would otherwise hit the ground at speeds of 1.5-3 million km an hour.

According to professor Alan Johnstone, of the Mullard space Science Laboratory at University College London, without the Earth's magnetosphere human life would not survive. It "protects us by shielding us from the radiation from the sun. lt's also helped us to hang on to our atmosphere".

Apart from Venus, no other planet is capable of sustaining life, professor Johnstone said,

In March 1989 there was a power failure throughout Quebec in Canada when a solar storm tripped the entire elec-tricity grid. But the breakdown can be breathtakingly beamful when it takes the form of the shifting curtains of light in the high atmosphere over the poles - the aurora borealis and aus-

Dr Paul Murdin, head of as-tronomy at the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council, said: "When the Sun sneezes, we oo Earth have the possibility of catching cold and we want to learn how to turn our heads away and not get ill."
The researchers were speak-

ing at a press conference in London yesterday revealing the scientific details of the Cluster

Each satellite weighs about 1.2 tonnes and will be launched into geostationary orbit in the first lift-off by the latest and largest European rocket £500m over 10 years.

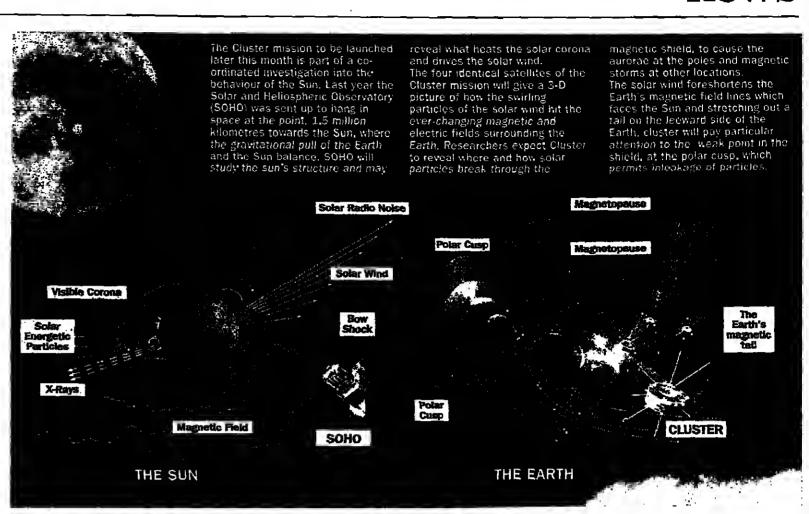
because they all lack protective magnetic fields.

The shield sometimes breaks.

Launcher, the Ariane 5.

Europe hopes to steal a march on the Americans, Russians and Japanese with the Ariane 5, which will be its workhorse in the commercial-satellite-launching business in the next century.

When Ariane 5 reaches orbit, the four Cluster satellites
"will pop out like peas out of a
pea-shooter", according to Dr
Murdin. The satellites will then use their own on-board rocket motors to move into a highly elliptical orbit, which will take them over the north and south poles of the earth. They will fly in formation and their controllers on Earth will be able to vary the distance between the satellites from 600km to a few thousand kilometres. The Clus-ter satellites will carry a total of 44 instruments measuring magnetic storms, electrical currents, and particle accelerations that take place in the space around our planet. The mission will last for at least two years and has cost Europe and the US around



£100 fines to silence too noisy neighbours

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Parliamentary Correspondent

A legal remedy for dealing with the pounding beat of a neighbour's hi-fi in the small hours of the night moved a step cear-er yesterday when the Noise Bill cleared the Commons. The backbench Bill provides

for £100 on-the-spot fines and the confiscation of equipment causing the nuisance.

According to a recent survey, noise is the problem which most divides oeighbours. The oumber of complaints have

risen inexorably.

Last month a 40-year old company director was given a suspended jail senteoce for firing airgun pellets at the flat of a neighbour in Clapham, south London, because he constant-

ly played rave music. Other noise cases over the past 18 months have included have included a grandmother ordered by a judge to stop playing and singing along to Jim Reeves records, a Sussex man given an absolute discharge for smashing his neighbour's hi-fi with an axe after "six mouths of hell", and a 54-year old angina sufferer dying after a con-frontation with a neighbour pounding out heavy metal mu-

sic oo his CD player.

lotroduced by Harry Greenway, Conservative MP for Ealing North, the Bill gives councils in England and Wales power to take action against noise from domestic properties between 11pm and 7am. Where cases go

to court, rather than being dealt with by an on-the-spot fine, offenders face a fine of up to £1,000.

James Clappison, an envi-ronment minister, said the vol-untary approach would be reviewed in two years and councils might then be forced to adopt its provisions if they had oot already done so. Denying he was a "killioy".

Mr Greenway said: "One in 10 homes suffer severe noise. It's as serious as that and we can't sit back and do nothing."

The Bill, which has all-party support and goes to the House of Lords, also introduces into law an objective measure of the level of noise regarded as a ouisance - 35 decibels. It is about the equivalent of having a television at normal volume in the

The Treasure Bill, overhauling the ancient law of treasure trove in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, completed its Commons stages.

A backbench measure, it redefines treasure to cover all objects, other than coins, which contain at least 10 per cent by weight of gold or silver, and are at least 300 years old. The measure also provides protection for hoards of coins.

Corooers' juries will no longer have to decide if an object was deliberately buried with the intention of being recovered - an often unprovable condition under existing law of a find's status as treasure - or

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Solutions for a small planet

Police chief in plea over girl's drug death

a of che The senior policeman whose daughter died after taking a mixture of alcohol, ecstasy tablets and painkillers yesterday appealed plea to other youngsters to avoid her mistakes.

Roy Pierce, a superintendent in Nottinghamshire, said in a statement following the inquest into the death of his daughter, Claire: "To all those other beautiful young people out there, please reflect long and hard on Claire's tragic death and please, please don't make the same mistake."

Superintendent Mick Salt. who read the statement, denied that the death of his colleague's daughter was an embarrassment to the force. However, he promised that to "make every effort as a force to track the

source of the ecstasy". The inquest in Nottingham was told that the 20-year-old may have died trying to achieve a better ecstasy high on a trip with friends from her home in

Mansfield to a Derby nightclub. The coroner heard that Ms Pierce, a student, had died after consuming up to 20 distal-gesic painkillers on top of ooe and a half cestasy pills and a proxymol.

large amount of alcohol, including vodka, strong cider and alcoholic lemonade.

Detective Inspector Brian Dennis said that on the way to the club, Ms Pierce sold five ecstasy tablets and shared three with a friend, Vicky Burgess. Ms Pierce later complained of a headache and was seeo to

consume 10 distalgesic tablets and pocket another strip of 10. Ms Burgess told police she had seen her best friend taking up to eight similar tablets while on ecstasy. The mixture is commonly known on the rave scene to provide a "higher hit".

At about 4am some of the roup travelled to a friend's house in Mansfield where Ms Pierce was "extremely drunk and incoherent". Det Insp Den-nis said she was left to sleep with a coat over her but a friend noticed she looked cold. "Claire's head and limbs had appeared to

have gone blue," he said.

Dr Nigel Chapman recorded a verdict of accidental death saying a post mortem had revealed Ms Pierce died of poisoning from the alcohol and headache tablets containing the drug Co-

French say 'non' to single currency

MARY DEJEVSKY

Even if France meets the economic criteria for joining the single European currency in time for the 1 January 1999 starting date, French voters might well reject the idea - if giveo a choice. This is the prin-rency. cipal - and startling - finding of a new opinion poll, published in the latest issue of the quarter-

ly journal, Geopolitique.

The journal, published by the institute of the same name. is an independent academic publication, and the poll - coaducted by the IPSOS organisa-

genuinely independent survey of rench opinion oo the subject. Previous polls, which have shown a steady majority in favour, have been commissioned mostly by France's mainstream political parties, all of which support the single cur-

The new poll suggests that the French are almost as suspicious of a single European currency as the British and just as keen to take part in a referendum before it is introduced. A full 80 per cent of those asked said they wanted to he directly consulted, by referendum, be-

tion - is helieved to be the first fore the politicians went any fur- beyond the general "Do you with 50 per cent who thought ther towards introducing a single currency

Almost 60 per cent rejected the idea of any new currency in general, and the euro in par-

There was a general disinclination to be paid in euros or to use them for everyday shop- the single currency on the ping; and only 49 per cent of those asked even accepted the need for a single currency to facilitate transactions between EU member countries.

A hig difference between the tatest poll and the earlier ones was the specific nature of the questions asked. These went

favour a single European currency?" to probe the extent of public confidence in the projected euro. The results were not encouraging for the French government, which appears determined that France should be among the first countries to join

planned date. Only 34 per cent of those asked thought that a single currency would help safeguard the value of savings, against 41 per cent who thought it would not; only 33 per cent thought it would have a beneficial effect on unemployment (compared

not), and there was similar scepticism about the euro's potential to protect health and social benefits and financial security in retirement.

Several questions also touched on the delicate matter of how a single currency might affect national sovereignty. Some 56 per cent thought it would have a negative effect oo France's independence, while 58 per cent disliked the idea that a central European bank might set interest rates across Europe.

Although President Chirac held out the prospect of a referendum on the single curren- questions had been asked.

cy during last year's election campaign, he has not men-tioned the subject since taking office and his public statements have stressed his total commit-

ment to the single currency. The latest poll results were reported vesterday in a very lowkey way by the daily Figuro which takes a generally pro-Chirac editorial line - under the headline "Single currency: a cer-tain disenchantment". But it was not clear from the poll results whether the French were really cooling to the euro, or whether this was just the first time that the more sensitive

Klaus said he opposed introduction of a single European currency as it would bring European taxes which Czechs

would have to pay in Brussels, Renter in Prague reports.

The economics daily Hospo-darske Noviny quoted Klaus as telling an election campaign meeting he did not want to have "European citizenship" oo his identification card "in 10 or 20

I want to remain a Czech citizen and pay Czech taxes," Klaus told the meeting oo Thursday in the small town of Neratovice, north of Prague.

Chirac to calm German defence fears

IMRE KARACS

President Jacques Chirac was expected to pay a courtesy call on Germany's Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, last night, in an upparent effort to southe German nerves about impending French defence cuts.

On Munday, the French cabinet is expected to finalise its five-year military-procurement programme, which Bonn fears may damage co-operation be-tween the two countries.

Mr Kohl is concerned in particular about three joint projects: a helicopter, a military transport craft and the Franco-

German spy satellite, Helics. Faced with soaring budget deficits that threaten to scupper European Monetary Union in 1999, the two governmeous have recently adopted stringent cuts

in public expenditure.
The effects of these austerity measures are already becoming visible in France, as the vast conscription-based armed forces are slimmed down in the higgest upheaval of the defence sector since the war.

In Germany, the Defence Minister, Volker Rühe, must identify cuts amounting to several billion German marks by next month. Mr Rûhe is tempted to slash projects with the highest degree of symbolism but least military content.

At the top of such a list would be Helios, the satellite designed to eod Europe's depeodence oo US technology. Chancellor Kohl was badgered into signing up for Helios at last year's summit with President Chirae in Baden-Baden, even though Germany is perfectly happy with current arrangements within the Nato frame-

Mr Kohl may not be in such cordial mood this time. After the Muroroa fiasco, wheo President Chirac failed to forewarn France's most important military ally about the nuclear tests, Paris pledged to improve com-munication links. Imagine, therefore, Chancellor Kuhl's surprise when he had to learn in March about the French defence reforms from the media.

German leaders are still smarting from that debacle. In one swoop, France was doing away with its conscripted force. to replace it with a professional army which, for historic reasons. Germans of all shades

Although the Bundeswehr is finding it increasingly difficult to fill the annual quota of recruits, hiring soldiers for moncy is a subject no self-respecting politician dare broach in Bonn.

Mr Chirac was doubtless going to reassure Chancellor Kohl last night that a decision of such importance would gever again be taken behind Bono's back. but the damage has already

been done.

Hampered by shrinking budgets and undermined by mutual mistrust, the Franco-German axis needs more lubricant than a short dinner between Presideot Chirac and Chancellor Kohl can provide.



An icy blast from the Cold War past

MOSCOW DAYS

Driving through the streets of Moscow, that were draped veterans' holiday, to the Foreign Ministry press ceotre, where a spokesman was due to brief reporters on the spying row between Britain and Russia this week, I was overcome with a sense of dējā vu. Moscow's accusation that a spy ring was operating at the British embassy and threat to expel diplomats smacked of the tense days of the Cold War, when I first began

It must have been mooths, if oot years, since most Western journalists had attended a routine Tuesday afternoon briefing at the Foreign Ministry. In Soviet times, when the witty Gennady Gerasimov was spokesman there, we hung on his every word because the press conference was often our only source of news on events

Tit-for-tat was a frequent game, and expulsion an occupational hazard for foreigners here

since reforms, we have had access to information of all kinds. The briefing was packed again yesterday, however.

The new spokesman, Grigory Karasin, remarked slyly: "It must be the warm spring sunshine that has brought you all out." In good old Soviet style, he then proceeded to drone on about Moscow's view of affairs in Bosnia, Yemen, Cameroon, Guatemala and Burundi before coming to the matter in which, as he knew perfectly well, we were all chiefly interested.

This was that the British ambassador, Sir Andrew Wood, had been summoned by the Russian Deputy Foreign Minister, Sergei Krylov, to receive a "strong protest" about the activities of some of his diplomats. Mr Karasin refused to confirm Russiao news reports, quoting the Federal Security Service (formerly the KGB), that nine British diplomats would be packing their bags.

The row is one of the worst since Mikhail Gorbachev melted the international icc with his policies of "perestroika" and "glasnost" in the late 1980s and the collapse of the Soviet Uoion in 1991 finally brought the Cold War to an cod. Before

that, "tit-for-tat" was a game played regularly between East and West and expulsion as an alleged spy was an occupation-

al hazard for any foreigner. Veteran journalists at the briefing were slightly oervous because they knew that if the latest row widened, correspondeots as well as diplomats could be declared personae non grata and ordered out.

That nightmare befell Alan Philps, now correspondent for the Daily Telegraph, back in 1985. He had just started a posting for Reuters news agency, when the Russian traitor, Oleg Gordievsky, defected to Britain and exposed a network of Soviet spies, prompting the ex-pulsion of 25 Russians from London, Moscow retaliated by expelling the same number of British representatives here.

"I was called to the embassy and they showed me a list," said Mr Philps, "There were 25 names of diplomats, husinessmen and journalists, and mine was one of them. I was given three weeks to leave because the Russians had been given the same. We packed up and went out through Finland. Interdean [a firm of international removers] was very husy."
Explusion can ruin the career

of someone who has spent years learning the language so as to specialise in Russian affairs. Mr Philps said he regretted hav-Russian officials acknowledged to him in private that he was innocent and he was allowed back to Moscow on a trip in 1990 and permanently in 1994.

Under President Boris Yeltsin, diplomats, journalists and businessmen have breathed more easily. Once confined to Moscow, unless they gave advance notice of travel plans, and followed and bugged releatlessly by the KGB, they oow move about freely and make opeo contacts with Russians in all walks of life

The KGB was split up after the failed coup of August 1991 into the Foreign Intelligence Service and the Federal Security Service (FSB), which deals with domestic security. The FSB now concentrates on fighting organised crime and terrorism rather than persecuting dissideots and watching foreigners, as the KGB did.

However, although the statue of the founder of the KGB. Felix Dzherzhinsky, has beeo removed from outside the Lubyanka, Russian liberals fear that if dictatorship returned to their country, it would not be difficult for the secret police to revert to all their old methods.

Threat to breadbasket: US farmers watch land turn to dust and prices plummet



Actor Bill Paxton watches a scene from the film 'Twister', which opened in the US this week. Tomados often rip across the Plains Photograph: Reuter

Spectre of drought haunts Plains

RUPERT CORNWELL

salvage what the US Agriculture Department said yesterday would be the poorest winter wheat crop in 18 years, hut enough to raise hopes that the autumn harvest of 1996 might he halfway decent.

True, much of the rain has come in hiasting storms, and down south in Oklahoma and the Texas panhandle conditions are still dire. But Nehraska and parts of Kansas have had those gentle, soaking downpours that are the only real medicine for

dried out land. In the markets 100th meridian and the Rock- unlikely, if only because land of Kansas City and Chicago, wheat and corn futures prices semi-desert. And the historic first the good news. Across have fallen after topping \$6 (£4) scourge of such parts is drought. much of the Plains it has been a bushel for the first time since spectre once again is stalking the

American grainbelt. The Great Plains, stretching 1,300 miles from Texas to the Canadian border and 500 miles or more from east to west, may he the planet's breadbasket. They are also home to some of the most savage weather ex-tremes on earth: bitter cold, storms, searing winds and killer tornados, flash floods and heatwaves. Most important, yet of-ten forgotten, is that the Plains' western portion between the

ies is steppeland verging on semi-desert. And the historic According to some meteo-

a period of drought roughly every 20 years, based on a cycle of sunspots and ocean curreots. Through most of this ceotury the formula has held: the Dustbowl of the 1930s, the scarcely less ruinous drought between 1952 and 1957, and a smaller visitation in the 1970s. Slightly out of sequence, 1988 also witnessed an exceptional drought. But now the 20-year marker has come around again, and the Plains folk are worried. A repeat of the Dustbowl is

be sandblasted away by the winds. Even so, the USDA recently reported that in Okla-homa 1.8 million acres, a greater area than in two decades, was vulnerable to serious wind erosion or, as local farmers put it, "ready to blow". There are other uncomfortable parallels too. Nebraska has had its driest February since 1875, the Okla-

management techniques have

improved. A similar drought

may occur - but never again will overploughing and over-use al-low millions of tops of topsoil

homa panhandle its second driest winter since 1895, and until late April scarcely a drop of rain had fallen in parts of northern

has turned swathes of Arizona and New Mexico cattlelands and forests into giant tinderboxes. In the wheat belt, farmers

Texas since October. Drought

elled and useless wheat, either writing off the crop entirely or replanting with hardier but less valuable sorghum. Just this week, the USDA designated Oklahoma a "primary disaster area", making small farmers eligible for government-subsidised loans - the one barrier to a repeat of the 1930s when banks foreclosed on bankrupt family farms by the thousands.

But at last rain has come. Not just the farmbelt hut much of the world is hoping it will last.

Spanish state shivers as austerity cuts bite

ELIZABETH NASH

Spain's new conservative government vesterday approved a sweeping package of belt-tightening measures and privatisations that it says are necessary to keep the country on course for European monetary union m 1999.

It slimmed down the machinery of government by killing off some 80 departments and Helen Womack agencies, and pruning top administrative posts by a third.

The Vice-President and tionalists in pursuit of a ruling which employees in every oth-iconomy Minister, Rodrigo pact. Austerity measures form or walk of life have grown ac-Economy Minister, Rodrigo pact. Austerity measures form Rato, oicknamed "Scissor- a cornerstone of the deal and haod", announced speoding cuts of 200bn pesetas (£1bn). We are imposing a rigorous policy of budget discipline," Mr Rato said after yesterday's cabinet meeting. "The government position is that Spain will

and must meet the [European Union] convergence criteria." The urbane Mr Rato emerged as the steely nerved here of two months of negotiations with the Catalan oa-

-pour encourager les autres - Mr Rato has slashed his own ministerial staff by half. Details of where the cuts will fall are to be worked out over coming weeks and presented to parliament.

Mr Rato's measures seet an icy heast through the Spanish state bureaucracy, which the ruling Popular Party considers to have become unnecessarily bloated throughout 13 years of Socialist government, during customed to the rigours of "reconversion". Mr Rato, seeking to calm fears that already flagging economic growth could peter out under the impact of this latest blow, promised to introduce measures to encourage private investment.

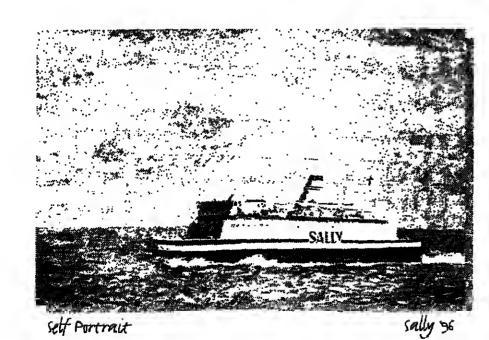
The Industry Minister, Josep Pique, a Catalan entrepreceur, plans to accelerate the privatisation process taunched by the previous government and to hive off as sooo as possible all

control. They include the Iberia and Aviaco airlines, Repsol petroleum company and the telecommunications group Telefonica. Mr Pique said these companies were a huge drain on state finances and there was no justification for maintaining them in the public sector.

To keep an eagle eye oo cost-cutting, the government yesterday created a Budget Of-fice answerable to the Prime Minister headed by Jose Barea, 73, an ecocomics professor.



Chirac: Defence cuts may put joint projects at risk



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Australia brings in tough new gun laws

ROBERT MILLIKEN

In the wake of public outrage after the massacre of 35 people in Tasmania a fortnight ago. Australia's federal and state governments yesterday signed an agreement that will give Australia one of the world's toughest sets of rules on gun ownership.

Campaigners for gun control hailed the deal as a historic hreakthrough, but the guo lobby said it would drive gun ownership uoderground and do

little to stop future massacres. After a marathon meeting of federal and state police ministers in Canberra, John Howard, the Prime Minister, announced a bao oo the import, sale, possession, manufacture and use of military-style self-loading guns and pump-action shot-guns. Such weapons were used in the massacre in Port Arthur on 28 April and in mass shoot-

"This is a historic day. The country has decided not to go down the American path.'

ings in Sydney and Melbourne in 1989 and 1991, which left a total of 56 people dead and 48 injured.

The only exception to the ban on semi-automatic weapons will be for farmers, who must satisfy police of a genuine need not met by less lethal weapons. Some state governments had campaigned for a farmers' exception, arguing that they needed such rapid-fire guns to cootrol wild buffalo, donkeys, : digs and other oco-indigenous species which breed rapidly in the outback and are officially

There will also be a new integrated, national gun registration scheme and a licensing system that imposes tougher tests on those deemed fit and proper to have access to guns. Mr Howard announced a six-month amnesty for the surreoder of weapons, and a compensation scheme, possibly funded by a levy on taxpayers,

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for those who hand in guns that are to be outlawed.

No one knows how many guns there are in Australia. Estimates range from 4 million to 10 million, roughly one for every two-to-five Australians Mr Howard said the amnesty may involve "hundreds of thousands" of guns being surrendered.

By any standards, yesterday's agreement was a remarkable success for Mr Howard, coming two months after his election.

Gun laws have been the individual province of Australia's six states, which have always resented Camberra's intrusion oo their powers. Tasmania, Queensland and New South Wales had failed to tighten their laws after earlier massacres, allowing semi-automatic weapons to continue to

circulate.

But such was the over-whelming sense of public shock after the Port Arthur killings, with opinion polls showing 95 per cent of Australians calling for tougher laws, that the state governments yesterday were left with no choice than to agree to Mr Howard's plan for national rules. As the ministers met, 35 people representing the Port Arthur victims stood silently outside Parliament House holding placards demanding change.

"This is a historic day," Mr Howard said. "It means that this country, through its govern-ments, has decided oot to go down the American path. It has decided to go down another path." Rebecca Peters, secretary of the Australian Coalition for Gun Cootrol, described the outcome as a "good result", but criticised the exception for farmers on semi-automatic

The question remains whether the new rules will effectively attack the gun culture, or open up a black market for weapons among owners who retuse to register or surrender them.

The gun lobby, which has spent millions campaigning in state politics in recent years; appears to have been crushed by yesterday's decision. John Tin-gle, an MP for the Shooters' Party in the New South Wales state parliament, said: "Only 15 per cent of people who own guns in this state have licences They're oot likely to register them now. This move won't lower the number of guns."

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Orange order: A military policeman watches as Buddhist monks in south-east Cambodia set out on a march for peace. The 24-day walk for national reconciliation is being led by Cambodia's Supreme Patriarch, Maha Ghosananda, as Khmer Rouge rebels continue to disrupt the country with guerrilla warfare

Red carpet for Sir Leon, the man Japan likes to do business with

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

When Sir Leon Brittan visits Tokyo, he is accustomed to getting the red carpet treatment. Take, for example, his last major visit, in June last year. Its purpose was businesslike enough - the finalising of an agreement on Japanese imports of European cars - but in many ways it looked more like a visit by a lesser head of state than a vice president of the European Commission.

Apart from chumny chats with the Prime Minister, Sir Leon had a range of high-profile business meetings, and even an andience with Emperor Akihito. Japanese bureaucrats were effusive in their maise of their visitor, and precise in their comparisons.

Sir Leon's current visit to-Tokyo, at the head of a delegation of European businessmen. is not such a glittering occasion. such a hit last summer is still there. Japanese politicians, their bureaucrats and business leaders, love Sir Leon for a very sim-

ple reason: he is oot American. Tokyo's relations with the western world are often de-scribed in terms of a triangle, with Japan, the US and Europe at its respective points. Between the US and Japan, the line is thick, if uneven - combined trade between the two countries came to \$183bn in

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unpredictable in terms of security and politics. The Japanese, on the other hand, hold up the EU's approach as a textbook example of the gentle, civilised and consensual way they like to do business - in contrast with the rough, confrontational approach adopted by the US. This was illustrated at the

time of Sir Leoo's visit last

Mickey Kantor, were threaten-

ing punitive tariffs on Japanese car imports unless Tokyo agreed to specific targets for imports of

US cars and parts. A face-sav-

ing compromise was formulai-

ed at the last minute, but the

EU's mild approach - per-suading Japan to sign up to a

European agreement on auto-mobile regulations - was a stark

contrast and a source of great

relief to Tokyo. Hence the red

carpet unrolled for Sir Leon.

For Europe, such an ap-

proach is a political necessity. needs America's Mr Nasty.

ear. The Americans, led by

Sir Leon Brittan: Advocate of compromise in trade

1995, and bilateral relations are forther stiffened by the crucial US-Japan security treaty. The fly in the ointment is Japan's perennial trade surplus. Even after the yen's rise last year dramatically escalated the price of Japanese exports, Tokyo was still selling \$43bn more to the US than it bought.

The Europe-Japan line is EU last year came to \$128bn. But, superficially at least, Toxyo's relationship with the EU has a warmth and cordiality never seen in trade talks with Washington.

The two sides have their own reasons for keeping things this way. The Europeans, for their part, know that they have a huge

amount of catching up to do in their dealings with east Asia, the fastest growing trade region in the world, and one of the most Liberian

Abidjan (Reuter) — Thou-sands of Liberian civil war

appeals to take them in.

Ivory Coast said about half
the estimated 4,000 people on the Bulk Challenge were guer-

De Klerk takes stand on 'morals' Johannesburg (Reuter) - The As a twitchy alliance of often fractious member countries, it

outgoing Deputy Presideot, FW de Klerk, warned Presideot can never match the political Nelson Mandela yesterday that and economic punch wielded by his National Party would act in opposition as the guardian of ecocomic discipline and morals in post-apartheid South Africa.

the US government. But rather

than simply making the best of

a bad job, officials speak of the

EU approach to trade disputes.

based on the multilateral arbi-

tration of the World Trade Or-

ganisation, as something akin to an ideology. "We must give priority to multilateral solu-

tions," said Sir Leon in March.
"Cosy deals between a few key

players are no longer enough.

Privately, European diplo-

mats acknowledge that the US approach is useful. "Because the

Americans are there waving their big stick, it improves the

chances of Japan helping us,"

says one. "If we were all ooo-

confrontational, they'd be less

likely to come to the negotiat-

ing table." Sir Leoo would not

admit it, but Europe's Mr Nice

The oew post-apartheid coo-stitution adopted on Wednesday, which caused his white-led party to announce its early withdrawal from Mr Mandela's transitional coalition governmeet, lacked commitment both to fiscal discipline and moral values, Mr de Klerk said.

"It does not show enough appreciation that fiscal discipline and macro-economic stability are the keys to strong capitalaccount investment [and] sustained growth." he said.

"On issues which affect all South Africans, such as our moral and ethical basis, we are also deeply disturbed by some aspects of the new constitution,

The National Party voted for the new constitution, which completes the transition from white rule to democracy, but announced two days later that it would leave the transitional coalition oo 30 Juoe. Mr de Klerk said the NP.

a century, would push for pri-vatisation and the quick dismantling of remaining foreign exchange cootrols restricting local residents and business. "We believe that we should, in a dynamic way, walk the road

which will be out of government

for the first time in oearly half

of privatisation ... We're taking too long," he said.

He said that his party also would oppose the right to abortion and the abolition of the

death penalty.

The NP secretary-geograf Roelf Meyer, said the party had decided to pull out of the government because its views on economic, management were being ignored:

refugees stranded at sea

refugees oo an old freighter faced uncertainty at sea yes-terday as Ivory Coast rejected

rillas and forced the Nigerian freighter back to sea from San Pedro port after urgent repairs. Ghana prepared to receive the refugees but the exact position of the vessel was unclear 12 hours after it put to sea. Port officials in Ghana said they were expecting the vessel in Tema, near Accra, but had had oo near Accra, but had had oo word from the captain since he put to sea. "We have had no word. I have just spoken to the control room and there is no word," ports authority spokesman Anthooy Cudjoe said, adding that the vessel. Bulk Challenge, may have anchored at sea with further problems. The Interior Minister, Emile

Bombet, defended the decision to force the vessel to leave San Pedro port on Thursday night, two days after it himped to port with two metres of water in the hold. "There are 2,065 people on the boat who are rebels," he said, adding that there was no question of allowing the passengers to dis-embark at any ivorian port. He added that the United States was putting pressure on his government to accept the pas-

sengers, ignoring that Ivory
Coast already hosted more than
300,000 Liberian war refugees.
The Ghanaian representative
of the U.N. refugee agency **TINHCR** said arrangements had been completed to receive

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Rao quits as Congress routed

TIM MCGIRK New Delhi

The Iodian Prime Minister, Narasimha Rao, resigned yesterday and dissolved parliament after bis Congress party suffered its worst election drubhing since independence. With over half the votes couoted, Congress's slide into defeat appears unstoppable.

After a terse cabinet meeting, Mr Rao drove to the presidential palace for his last official act as elected Prime Minister. For having led his party into its most also faces the prospect of being

ousted as Congress party leader. Mr Rao refused to give any statement after his resignation. He will act as caretaker until a new governing coalition can be forged, which could take sev-

eral weeks. No clear winner has

riseo from these elections. The Presideot, SD Sharma, today will have two lots of politicians knocking oo the door of his palace trying to stake a claim to form the next government. First will be a group led by Atal Behari Vajpayee from the Hindu revivalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which is emerging as the largest single party in parliament. But reach a majority in the 543-seat Lok Sabba (parliament). The BJP's combustible mix of

religion and politics, in a country teeming with so many faiths, languages and cultures, may keep away potential coalition partners. But even the BJP's foes regard Mr Vajpayee as a moderate, the only one, per-haps, in his entire Hindu nationalist party.

The next claimants are the National Front-Left Front. The NF-LF is expected to win 145 seats, but a spokesman, Jaipal Reddy, said that many of the in-

with only 175 seats expected, the dependent MPs and smaller within its ranks. A former prime ont, the Congress party has BJP and its allies are flailing to regional parties will rally behind minister, Vishwanath Pratap sunk into a pit of acrimony. the left-wingers to keep out the Singh, would be the likeliest Hindu right. The BJP's call to choice, but so far he is playing revive Hinduism's ancient caste coy. Another front-runner is Jyhierarchy scares away oot only oti Basu, 80, a London School of Economics graduate who Muslims but also the lowercaste Hindus who are starting bas kept West Bengal state under Marxist rule for 19 years. to assert themselves after thou-A third option is Laloo sands of years of repression.

Prasad Yadav, the chief minister of Bihar. Mr Yadav is a pop-"We can count on upwards of 200 seats," said Mr Reddy. The NF-LF is a wobbly pudding of Marxists, socialists, lowulist who comes from northern India's large caste of cowherders er-caste leaders, and regional potentates whose second ob-. Under Mr Yadav, Bihar has lapsed into the country's most stacle - after finding the 270 wretched and lawless state. MPs for a majority - is to select While the Hindu revivalists a suitable prime minister from and the left-wingers fight it

Some veterans hold Mr Rao responsible for the party's election rout and want him to go. But Mr Rao's dwindling supporters cau-tion that if he is toppled, the par-ty could be wracked by a war of succession that would leave it even more splintered.

The ultimate decisioo oo whether Mr Rao stays or is chased out may depend on the late Rajiv Gandhi's widow, Sonia. Senior Congress leaders yesterday sought Mrs Gandhi's blessing to have Mr Rao replaced as party chief, but her response is not yet known.

IN BRIEF

Armani gets a dressing down

Milan - A court gave designer Giorgio Armani a nine-month suspended prison sentence yesterday and ordered him to pay 100 million lire (£27,000) in a corruption trial involving some of the most famous names in Italian fashion. He was one of nine defended to the contract of the con

most tamous names in Italian rashion. He was one of fine defendants at the trial, over alleged hribes to tax inspectors, who had sought a swift verdict through plea bargaining.

Separately, a TV star known to virtually all Italians is being investigated for allegedly taking kickbacks from advertisers and has resigned as artistic director of the state broadcasting company. The investigation appropriate the state broadcasting company. pany. The investigation, announced on Thursday on his own network's evening news show, came as a shock to fans across Italy who view Pippo Baudo as the king of television hosts. Remer

Nigerian leader fails to get day in court

Abuja — A last-minute block by Nigerian authorities stopped detained presidential claimant Moshood Abiola from appearing in court for the first time since August 1994. The federal high court in Abuja was thronged with dozens of relatives and well-wishers boping to catch a glimpse of the man believed to have won the presidential vote; the annulment of the vote by the army plunged the country into political turmoil in 1993.

Gdansk shipyard workers march

Gdansk — Some 5,000 employees of the debt-ridden Gdansk ship-yard walked off the job for a second day to demand their April wages, as the government refused subsidies and suggested bank-ruptcy and mass lay-offs. The strikers marched ioto central Gdansk to present a complaint to the regional prosecutor over the ooo-payment of wages. Some threw coocussioo grunades at the office of the local member of parliament, but the strikers returned to work after two bours.

Polynesia set to back Chirac

Papeete — French Polynesian voters are likely to bolster allies of Presideot Jacques Chirac in elections oo Sunday, soothed by French aid after cootroversial ouclear tests to the South Pacific. Voters may even give Mr Chirac's right-wing ally Gaston Flosse an absolute majority in the 41-seat territorial assembly where he now bas 18 seats, commentators say.

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Germans outlaw marital rape

Bonn - Parliament passed a bill making marital rape a crime punishable by up to five years in prisoo, with the offence bringing up to 10 years in prison for rape of a defenceless victim. The Bill, the subject of years of political discussion io Germany, also allows for punishment for rape of a male victim; it received 318 votes in favour to 306 votes against, with two abstentions. AP

Museveni takes massive poli lead

Kampala - President Yoweri Museveni took an early lead in partial results from the Ugandan presidential election, taking 85.2 per cent of the valid votes counted, officials said. The Interim Electoral Commission (IEC) said, following the overnight counting of votes from 4,180 polling stations of the 15,597 stations nationwide, that main opposition candidate Paul Ssemogerere had taken 12.9 per cent takeo 12.9 per cent.

Correction

Due to a transmission error, a report in yesterday's Independent on the trial of the US neo-Nazi leader, Gary Lauck, wrongly attributed to the defence a statement that Lauck had "contioued to transport Nazi literature to Germany". The article should have read: "But, as the defence pointed out at yesterday's trial, under US law Lauck was committing no crime in his Nebraskan Heimat. Though be continued to transport Nazi literature to Germany even after he was caught and jailed in 1976, he evaded capture

Wiping out the dirty rats

Peking — Residents of a north-eastern China city have wiped out more than 400,000 rats since officials launched an anti-rat campaign in late March, the Xinhua news agency said. Residents of Shenyang in Liaoning province can claim a 1-yuan (7-pence) bounty for turning in the tail of each rat killed to the local health department, Xinhua said. One grain depot worker handed to 6,000 tails in a significant of six farmers called 1,000 tails in a significant of the contract of th tails while a family of six farmers culled 1,000 tails in a single

Mystery 'Goatsucker' brings fear to Miami

Latin America Correspondent

It has been billed as part-cat, part-bat, even some form of alien. Some say it has glowing red eyes, an ET-like head and moves like a reptile. Others say it walks upright on Kangaroolike hind legs, strangling its victims with strong front paws before draining them of their blood. There are those who believe it's a fantasy fanned by media hype. Whatever it is, ooe or more

of the mysterious "chupacabras," or "goatsuckers," are blamed for attacking hundreds of goats, ducks, swans, and dogs in receot weeks from Puerto Rico to Miami to Mexico. In Mexico City, the beast was blamed by some last week for biting off the arm of a 25year-old ourse.

Fearing the "goatsucker" was a giant bat, Mexican peasants lit fires m caves, leading the Environment Mmister, Julia Carabias, to warn that they were damaging fragile ecosystems.

The minister insisted the creature was a wild dog or large cat. But the English-language The Mexico City Times quoted a woman scientist as saying: "I believe the goatsucker is in fact many animals that are the result of a genetic transmutation that went badly wrong."
The alleged creature first

The alleged creature first ill of Miami's metrozoo. In a city surfaced last year in Puerto where many Cubans and Brazil-

that went: "Better have fun don't besitate, 'cos if the goatsucker gets me, it's gonna suck

me dry."

This week, "goatsucker" frenzy swept Mexico, as farmers reported an alien-like beast was stalking livestock, drinking their blood but ignoring the flesh. The dead animals all had



Alien: An artists impression of the bloodthirsty beast

one thing in common - two large teeth marks and no blood left, "Goatsucker Fever Sweeps Nation," headlined the Mexico City Times on Thursday, along with an artists' impression of the beast said to bave been "based

on evewitness accounts". Earlier, the "chupacabras" had terrorised Miami but for local police and experts the answer was simple. "This is just a hig dog," said Ron Mag-

"chupacabras" T-shirts and a Cuban comedian had a hit song trances at secret voodoo ceremonies, however, many took the mystery beast seriously.

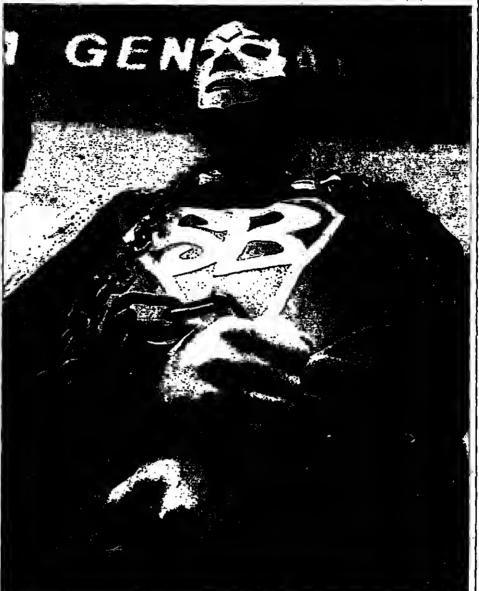
Some residents began hanging garlie chains on their doors to ward off what they fear could be an animal-like Dracula.

The "chupacabras" became something of a local Loch Ness Monster in Miami, feeding a bungry media on quiet days and giving vent to stories worthy of the "magic realism" of Colom-bia's Gabriel Garcia Marquez

After the mystery beast killed and drained 27 chickens and two goats outside the home of Olimpia Govea, in Miami's Sweetwater district, the media flocked to the area, followed by assorted mystics and self-styled experts oo aliens and UFOs.

"These are beings of superi-or intelligence," insisted Rober-to Orozco, who billed himself as a scientist and "goatsucker" expert. "They bave been created by genetic engineering with the aim of destabilising the US government"

Virgilio Sancbez, director of Miami's UFO Centre, took prints from tracks left by the creature outside Mrs Govea's home and said be would study them with experts. In Miami's Little Havana district, a Cuban-American, Julio Ramirez, cashed in on the "goatsucker" frenzy. He opened a new restaurant called the Chupa Cabras but was quick to point out he would Rico, where its notoriety led to ians believe in black magic and not be serving goat stew.



'Super Barrio' and two supporters outside the office of the Attorney General In Mexico City. The three men later turned themselves in as 'terrorists' in protest at tails whill long jail sentences handed down to two alleged 'Zapatista' fighters: Photograph: AP evening.





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Asylum seekers: Local political parties condemn violent protest against deportations as thousands run amok | 'Murder'

Rioting boat people on run in Hong Kong

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The most damaging outbreak of rioting in a detention centre for Vietnamese boat people erupt-ed yesterday, leading to a mass breakout, police retaliation and a strengthening of political will both to deport the Vietnamese and pass legislation which allows indefinite detention of ethnic Chinese asylum seekers who are barred from returning home.

the Whitehead detention centre, started before dawn as part of a protest to prevent the deportation of 900 immates. By the time order was restored later in the day a 2,000-strong anti-riot squad had fired 1,800 rounds of tear gas, 26 huts were burnt down or damaged, including one storing the records of those about to be deported, and 53 vehicles were damaged. Road blocks were set up to catch an estimated 150 immates still at

large after the riot.
Despite fallout from tear gas

lages had to be evacuated, and raging fires throughout the camp, the authorities claimed that oo serious injuries had beeo sustained. Police and prison officers were attacked with bome made spears and

other weapons.
Supporters of the boat people outside the camps say that the situation inside is becoming accelerated programme of deportations gets underway and China warns that it will oot tol-The riot, involving thousands of men, women and children at erate the presence of boat people in Hong Kong after it

ple in Hong Kong after it resumes sovereignty next year.
China's insistence on total clearance of the camps was reinforced yesterday by Zhang Junsheng, a vice-director of the New China News Agency, Peking's de facto embassy in the colony. Mr Zhang blamed Britain for allowing the boat people to come to Hong Kong in the first place and not makin the first place and not making sufficient efforts to resolve the problem.

Local political parties rushed



must "bring those responsible

human rights issues as the behaviour which we will not tolcentrepiece of its campaigns, was as vociferous as other parerate". She stressed the government remained "as deties in rushing to criticise the termined as ever to repatriate Vietnamese. Its spokesman, all Vietnamese migrants to Albert Ho, said the authorities Vietnam as soon as possible".

Hoog Kong is oot alone in

to justice" acting on a international agree-Anson Chan, the acting govment to achieve the repatriation Despite fallout from tear gas to condemn the violence. The ernor, described the actions of of all non-refugee Vietnam being so intense that nearby vil
Democratic Party, which has the Vietnamese as "deplorable boat people within a year.

There were anguished struggles against deportation in Malaysia yesterday. However Hong Kong has the largest population of remaining asylum seekers. Almost 18,000 Vietnamese are

in Hong Kong camps. Compassion for the Vietago. Now they are seen as a ple frustrated at the way they are costly burden who have no treated."

business to be in the colony. The few supporters of the Vietnamese tend not to be Chinese. Robert Brook, a spokesman for Refugee Coo-cern, said yesterday that be did not condone violence but asked for understanding that most of namese was exhausted years the inmates are "ordinary peo-

Legislators yesterday agreed to bring forward laws which would overturn the effect of a

Privy Council ruling forcing the Hoog Kong government to free Vietnamese who have been denied permission to return because of their ethnic Chinese background which, according to Hanoi, makes them citizens of

link to Slovak kidnap inquiry

ADRIAN BRIDGE Central Europe Correspondent

As though an unresolved dis-pute about the kidnapping of the President's son were not enough, Slovakia has now been plunged into another contro-

versy concerning the mysterious death of a former policemen who played a key role in the kid-nnp investigation. Robert Remias, 26, died last mooth after his car burst into flames on the outskirts of Bratislava. Within hours of the incident, government officials insisted that it had been an accident. Opposition figures, however, cried foul play. And ever since, two parallel investigations have been under way, with each seeking to discredit the findings of the other.

Jan Carnogursky, leader of the opposition Christian Democrats, said he was convinced Remias had been murdered, claiming that the official autopsy revealed that a bullet had been found in the body of the victim.

Police investigators working on the official probe conceded that a piece of metal resembling a bullet had been found in the body - but they continued to deny the involvement of any third party.

Before his death, Ramias was the key link between the op-

position and Oskar Fegyveres, a former Slovak Intelligence Service officer who claims the SIS had assisted in last year's kidnapping of Michal Kovac junior, the son of Slovak President, Michal Kovac.

Mr Kovac junior was kid-oapped outside Bratislava last

oapped outside Bratislava last
August, driven across the border with Austria and dumped.
The opposition maintains that
the kidnapping was part of a feud
between President Kovac and the
Prime Minister, Vladimir Meciar.
But investigators into the Kovac
case discounted the testimony of Mr Fegyveres who, fearing for his safety, has gone into cade. Given his link with the former

SIS officer, the opposition says there was a political motive for getting rid of Ramias. Mr Meciar has slammed such assertions as unfounded.

Qana dead 'a bunch of Arabs'

Jerusalem (Reuter) — Israeli gumers have said they had oo regrets over killing more than 100 civilians sheltering in a United Nations base in southem Lebanoo because the dead were "just a bunch of Arabs".
A soldier, identified as

Jerusalem weekly Kol Ha ir as saying: "It's a war, in a war these things happen ... It's just a bunch of Arabs." The sergeant, in his reference

The soldiers said they were firing at guerrillas oear the UN camp at Qana and that it had been a mistake to hit the camp where hundreds of refugees were sheltering. The attack took place during Israel's op-eration against Hizbollah guer-Sergeant Y, was quoted by the rillas last month.

A UN report this week said

it appeared unlikely the slaugh-ter was by accident. Israel, to Arabs, used the Hebrew which has given varying versions derogatory term Arabushim, of what happened, insists it

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which has oo English equiva- was a mistake. Another soldier from the artillery battery said the commander gathered his troops after the shelling for a

"He told us, This is war. For God's sake, the shits are shooting at you. What are you going to do?' He said we were shooting well and to cootinue this way and that Araba you know way, and that Arabs, you know, there are millions of them." An official army spokesman statement issued yesterday

questioning the accuracy of the

ocwspaper report.

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English Catholics take pride in maintaining their public unity. But, says Andrew Brown, a bitter row about Derek Worlock, the late Archbishop of Liverpool, exposes deep divisions between liberals and traditionalists in Rome's dwindling flock

This man's death could lead to a Catholic civil war

he Catholic church in this L country has two parties," says an insider. "There is the leshian-ouo-PC-right-oo groop; then there are the complete Pope-fetishists. And the two groups really hate each other."

This is not the image of the church split between liberals and conservatives that either party would like to see propagated. Still less is it the picture of the Catholic church that Cardinal Hume or most churchgoers would recognise. But it has been sharply drawn this past week. Until recently, English Catholics of all shades of opinioo were congratulating themselves on having escaped the sav-age infighting that has plagued Catholic life in Germany and the United States, the two richest Catholic churches in the world. Last week may have changed this uneasy peace for good. Alice Thomas Ellis, the nov-

elist and former postulant nun. gave over her last column in the Catholic Herald to a hitter deounciation of the late Archhistop Derek Worlock of Liverpool. In ooe sense, this was not news; two years ago she published a book called The Serpent on the Rock, a rambling and rancorous attack on the modern Catholic church, whose title alludes to the idea of Satan in the bosom of St Peter (the rock, and purportedly the founder of papal authority). But the idea that these hostilities should he continued beyond the grave was new, as was the ferocity of her denunciation. Ms Thomas Ellis saw in Worlock the personification of all the tendencies towards banality, ecumenism and heresy that undermined the church of her youth. The Catholic Herald, edited by a caretaker in the absence of Cristina Odone, dithered over whether to run her column and afterwards regretted doing so. Today's issue carries an unprecedented froot-page apology. This may be a storm in a teacup, but it is that are blowing through the whole Catholic church, both

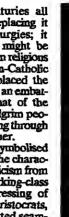
here and round the world. Worlock represented the spirit of the reforming Second Vatican Council, to both friends and enemies. The council, which met from 1961 to 1963, opened up the Catholic church to the Archbishop Worlock's career of the American century. It vir-

unchanged for centuries all round the world, replacing it with vernacular liturgies; it admitted that God might be found in non-Christian religions and especially in non-Catholic Christianity, and replaced the idea of the Church as an embattled fortress with that of the whole Church as "pilgrim peo-ple of God", wandering through

the wilderness together. But Worlock also symbolised a profound shift in the charac-ter of English Catholicism from a largely Irish, working-class body with a top-dressing of eccentric English aristocrats, lessly into the English middle classes. And he did so as a consummate insider, which made his success that much harder for the representatives of the old order to bear. He was a conclergymen in his ancestry, who worked as private secretary to three successive cardinals before ever becoming a parish priest; and he was only a parish priest for 18 months before becoming Bishop of Portsmouth and then Archhishop of Liverpool

Though he devoted himself to the cause of his oew city, it is difficult to imagine anyone of less oatural kinship or sympathy with brawling, Irish Liv-erpool Catholicism. A courteous, pallid, softly-spoken bureaucrat with an air of holiness, he was a man of tremendous administrative energy. His ecumenical partnership with David Sheppard, the Anglican bishop of the city, whom he had met when both were working in the East End, was tremendously exciting to Christians committed to ecumenism - a smaller proportion of the Church than they supposed themselves to be. Worlock's whole career

might be taken as picture of the "Anglicanisation" of the Roman Catholic Church in the UK, culminating in the almost unprecedented award to him of a CH. This personal social acceptance went alongside the almost complete destruction of the traditional understanding of England as a Protestant monarchy and a deep schism in the Church of England over women priests. In one sense, democratic and optimistic spirit marked the greatest progress of the American century. It virthe English Catholic church



into a church that fitted seamvert's son, with 12 Anglican

lually ended the Latin Mass had made since the period membership from 1975 to 1995 which had been in use between 1828 and 1850. In of 23 per cent, from 2.5 million



other respects, however, the

period was disastrous, the ooise of largely Catholie commentators pointing out the decline of the Church of England over the past few decades

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numbers over the same period. Whether measured in mass attendance, number of vocations, or number of commnnions, the Catholic Church in England and Wales has been quietly vanishing since the 1970s. Membership figures are always difficult and controversial; but the UK Christian Handbook records a decline in adult membership from 1975 to 1995

to 1.9 million. As for vocaeriod was disastrous, tions, in 1994, the last year for We have grown so used to which figures are available, four men from Liverpool prescoted themselves for training to the priesthood, and two women enrolled as nuns, out of a total, that it is easy to overlook the for the whole country, of 137 catastrophic slide in Catholie priests and nuns. Catholic figures show a decline in Mass attendance in Liverpool of 25 per cent over the past five years, compared with a national average of around 11 per cent.

> priests left the Catholic Church worldwide in the 20 years after The great liberal hopes of the Second Vatican Council were first dashed in earnest in 1968, when Pope Paul VI decided. against the advice of almost everyone except Cardinal Wojtyla (who is now Pope John Paul II) to renew the Church's ban on artificial contraception.
> The Catholic middle classes here, and round the world, have simply rejected that decision: Catholic birth rates are indistinguishable from those of non-

Catholics. So, too, is the divorce conference organised by the rate among English Catholics.

The response of the hierarchy, under Cardinal Hume and Derek Worlock, has been to keep these troubles within the family. They have perfected a coded language which sounds utterly faithful to the Roman line, but at the same time allows a cheering latitude to individual conscience.

· The trouble is that the family is no longer as cohesive as it The explanations for this are partly sexual and partly sociological. They are not unique to England. Around 100,000 pressure for loyalty. And the absorption of large numbers of former Anglicans - perhaps Vatican II; most to get married. 250 will become Catholic priests, if the money can be found to pay for them - is causing a degree of indigestion in the body of the church. These men have brought with them not only a dream of Catholicism rather alieo to that held by most Catholics, hut also a habit of wrangling and indulging in factional politics.

One of the most important

small right-wing pressure group Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, which was also addressed by Cardinal Hume. Pro Ecclesia brought 2,000 people from around the UK to hear an American televangelist oun, Mother Angelica, declare that "we have

The hierarchy allows a cheering latitude. to individual conscience

fought for 30 years" against liberalism, and proclaim: "We have already won a victory, but we are too tired to see it.

The meeting passed four resolutions which, in essence, called for the church to purge itself. The third resolution ran: "We humbly implore ... that anyone who is known to dissent ex-Anglican converts is Dr from Church teaching on Faith William Oddie, who was one of and Morals be removed from the speakers last Saturday at a sensitive positions in Church

Administration, Catholic Education, or any other advisory or counselling capacity; and not be invited to address official Catholic groups." These resolutions came as an

unpleasant shock to the Cardinal, who announced that they changed the meeting from a celebration into a campaign, and that he must dissociate himself from that aspect of it. Though his speech was as always in public, precise rather than vehemeot, its clear message was that he would not tolerate an organised lohby of this sort. Certainly, a purge such as Pro Ecclesia would like to see is quite unthinkable in the present circumstances of the Catholic church. If rejection of Humanae Vitae and Veritatis Spleodor (Pope John Paul II's great hlast ngainst dissident Catholic intellectuals) amounts to dissent from the Church's teaching on Faith and Morals. then there would hardly be a Catholic theologian, priest, or even bishop left in this country.

For the moment, cooe of this matters. The storm remains within its teacup. The oext cru-cial decisioo will come wheo the is.

Derek Worlock's successor in Liverpool is announced. There is one outstanding candidate in the tradition of Worlock and Hume: Vincent Nichols, one of Hume's auxiliary hishops in Westminster and a former secretary of the bishops' conference. He is a subtle and farsighted diplomat, whose only flaw, in the minds of his supporters, is that if he gets Liverpool, he will he incligible for Westminster when Hume retires, sometime in the next few years. Rome chooses between three names, submit-ted not by the hishops conference but by the Papal Nuncio. the Pope's personal ambassador to Britain. Everyone assumes that Bishop Nichols's name is one of the three; reports apparently emanating from the Nuncio's office suggest that Rome has asked for more information oo all three candidates. Until this week, the right-wing candidate, Francis Marsden, a Liverpool parish priest who led an agitation against an RE course that borrified traditionalists, was not being taken seriously by

Jo Brand's wee

I have long been searching for a Rupert Murdoch underpants story and during my final few days in Australia I found it. After the tour, we hired a boat in the Whitsunday Islands, so called because James Cook discovered them on that day (despite the fact that the Aborigines had been there for thousands of years). One of the Whitsunday Islands is called Hayman Island, and contains a resort for the world's playboys and superstars. (No, we didn't go there, we sailed wistfully past in the boating equivalent of a south London bedsit.) All the locals in Airlie Beach, the nearest town, don't half like a good gossip about it,

A survey of Glasgow minicab drivers found that over half of them had criminal records, including convictions for rape and murder. How very reassuring for women who have forked out for a cab, rather than risk the dangers of late-night buses or tubes. I have in the past noticed that the driving skills of minicab employees are criminal, but it never occurred to me that so many could back it up with an actual criminal record. It seems like the only feasible mode of transport in the future is going to be a tank. Then again, a Soldier would have to drive the bloody

Speaking of soldiers, it seems you an now buy top-secret military training videos from car boot sales. It will make a change from porn or bootleg Disney, I suppose. It appears

thing and you know what they're like.

have phooed my local cab firm for fags in the middle of the night, but never have I sent a helicopter forth for smalls. That is big time. that these days anything marked "Top Secret" cannot help but find its way into the public domain, be it on a rubbish tip or at a jumble. Think I'll pop down to my local depot and see if I can't find a bit of evidence on the

Westminster gerrymandering scandal.

which led to story about Rupert Murdoch (left). Apparently last time he was there, he forgot to bring any

behaviour for one of the world's

leading media mognls, I think. A helicopter was immediately

not to Mr Murdoch's taste. So

underpants with him. Slightly unusual

despatched to Airlie to purchase said

articles, but being a bit of a one-horse town, the available merchandise was

underwear was flown from one of the

hig cities and his bits were secured in

whichever posh kecks he likes to wear.

I admit that oo one or two occasions I

I saw n very odd photograph in the Daily Mail this week. It was what appeared to be a grown-up woman's head superimposed on the emaciated body of a neckless nine-year-old girl With amazement, I realised that the head did actually belong to the body. This was Rachel Kirby, the 12-yearold model whose star is set to be catapulted into the supermodel galaxy. There seems to be some disagreement about the future of her career because of her age. Her parents deny that they want to put a stop to it, although the model agency



say they have put it on hold until she is a more appropriate age. That would be 13 then, probably. Perhaps it would be better to wait until she is somewhat more developed in the body area. No point waiting for the brain to develop, not by the evidence of the other moh of supermods anyway.



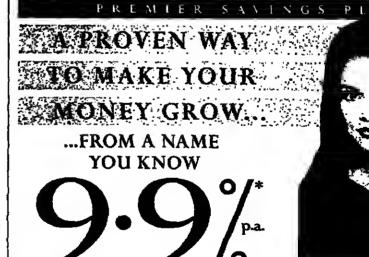
The backlash in Hollywood against sex and violence in films is gathering pace with a contribution from old smoothie-chops himself, Roger Moore. He remarks that he was horrified on his last Bond film, A View To A Kill (above) and harks back to the days of the Brief Encounter-type kiss, where one didn't have to watch "yards of tongues going down throats". He thinks actors are opening their mouths so wide that you can see what they had for breakfast. I'm not so sure that technique is particularly important, but I have certainly always

found Bond films distasteful for their nortraval of women as "things" to be conquered, who do not have an independent thought in their head. On the violence front, Bond films have oever been exactly peaceful affairs. Sex and violence are indeed more graphic these days, but they were always there. Perhaps what is more important about the standard of Hollywood films is their banality, stereotyping and lack of wit – which brings us back to Bond films again.

Teenage boys in Finland are learning about responsible sex by playing a bourd game called Making Babies, which attempts to make them see that there is more to sex than boasting about it the next day. A throw of the dice may give them morning sickness or a bad back, as they are as likely as the girls in the game to get pregnant. This sounds like a good idea to me, and could be expanded and shipped over here. How about a game called Respecting Girls or Not Being A Bully?

How dreadful that my alma mater, the concrete jungle that is Brunel University in Uxbridge, has awarded Margaret Thatcher an honorary degree. Within o few miles of Heathrow Airport and resembling a desolate council estate, Brunel University has the dubious honour of having been used in the film Clockwork Orange, at the beginning, when a tramp is kicked to death by Alex and his droogs. Perhaps it is appropriate for Lady Thatcher, theo.

Students at Brunel have threatened to protest, although the union president has remarked that it is unlikely they will ruin the day for themselves and everyooe else. This is how I remember the place ... about as radical as a tea towel. This may well have been because it offers only science subjects and arts are opoexistent. Something the Tories have been striving for for years.



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Morris Leigh

university.

the Jews' Free School. For

decades he was a important

backer of the Tel Aviv Univer-

the Institute of Jewish Affairs,

the Tel Aviv Foundation,

the Rubin Academy of Music in

Jerusalem and the Israel

Philharmonic Orchestra all had

reason to be grateful to him. He

was unstinting in his support for the Home of Aged Jews. His

natural sense of humour was

evident both in his business and

Joseph Pinklestone

philanthropic work.

When Meyer Weisgal, the leg-endary fundraiser for the Weizmano Institute in Rehovot, was asked how he managed to extract millions from hard-head- modest means. He became a ed American millionaires, he replied; "I offer them immorlality". Morris Leigh did not seek plaques and halls bearing his name to persuade him to help worthy causes. He was one of the Anglo-Jewish community's most liberal and enthusiastic as well as discriminating financial donors.

The welfare and educational services offered by the Jewish community, though far from perfect, are the envy of many other communities. It is men like Morris Leigh, closely fol-lowing the fine Jewish tradition of compossioo and charity, who

made this a reality. His support extended to artistic and educational causes not only in this country but in Israel, all performed with signal modesty and a quiet determination. It was these qualities which won him the admiration of such diverse personalities as Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks and Sir Sigmund Sternberg.

Morris Leigh's background gives a strong clue to his character. He was born in east London, the son of a woodcarver of pupil at the famous Jews' Free School at Spitalfields, where he was considered outstanding, but left at the age of 15.

Joining his father's business.

he showed unusual abilities and helped to transform it. When only 23 he built a factory in Tottenham which employed 300 people. It succeeded because he insisted on using the best machinery then available, as well as being a shrewd, determined and hardworking businessman in a highly competitive industry. Sterling Furniture deserved its high national reputation.

With the advent of the Second World War the factory was requisitioned for important war tasks. At the end of the war in 1945, Leigh joined the Allied Control Commission Germany to advise the British Government on revitalising what remained of the German furniture and timber On returning to civilian life, Leigh rebuilt his factory and again produced successful and generally admired furniture. However, in 1957 he entered a orary doctorate in 1982, a

Seeking to obtain a role in the housing programme he established Sterling Homes, constructing and selling hundreds of houses in the south of England. Sterling Homes later expanded into Allied London Properties, which Leigh headed as chairman and, after retirement, as Life President, until well into his eighties.

The furniture trade, and the friends he made in it, never ceased to have a special place in Leigh's affections. He was immensely delighted and proud when elected Master of the Livery of the Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers in 1988. Seen as a man of sound judgement, he was also elected president of the Furniture Trade Benevolent Association.

Morris Leigh enjoyed a long varied and successful life, writes Sir Frank Layfield. The remarkable range of qualities and skills he displayed through-out his life became apparent In his philanthropic work his benefactions included music and admired from an early age. The energy, determination and and the arts in Britain and Israel. He endowed scholarships within the Furniture Guild and acumen seen then he was to

carry into other fields for the remainder of his life.

His enthusiasm and dedicasity who awarded him an hontion in business was only one section of the extensive and remarkable range of Morris esture which he much appre-Leigh's varied interests. His ciated. He had hoped to parenergies were almost equally ticipate oext month in the deployed in his philanthropic dedication of the Manja and excursions, to which he Morris Leigh Avenue at the devoted outstanding personal The Royal College of Music, commitment.

His life-long philanthropic work showed his concern for a wide range of those in need of help and encouragement, in both the public and private aspects of life in Britain and in Israel. In the first of his interests, the furniture trade, he showed his desire to ensure that education in that field was encouraged and supported by the endowment of scholarships. His love of music led him to contribute handsomely to the Royal School of Music and the

Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Morris Leigh was an ad-mirable, kind and generous man, but above all a man of the

recognised his integrity and fairness of mind. Those of us who were fortunate to be among his friends were perhaps best placed to appreciate that to his great public qualities must be added those of an engaging modesty, shyness, sym-pathy and understanding of all those he met. His desire to help and encourage others wherever he could was exceptional.

The witnesses to all these attributes are the astonishing number, variety and levels of his friends in all parts of the world, by whom he will be greatly missed. He is survived by his second wife, Manja, and a son and daughter by his first marriage.

Morris Leigh, businessman and philanthropist: born London 20 February 1907; married 1929 Rose Silverstein (first wife deceased; one son, one daughter and one son deceased), 1977 Manja Geraldo; died Reading 11 April 1996.

A memorial service for Morris Leigh will be held on 8 July at the Central Synagogue, Great of an endearing kind. Those who worked with or for him Portland Street, Loodon W1.



Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

COURTS: On 2 May 1990, Ella Courts née Mayer, born Ober-Ingelheim-am-Rhein on 18 August 1908, passed away. Her warm and generous nature, breadth of interests, but independence of mind is and will be intensely missed by her husband Ben, daughter-in-law Miriam, son Hugh and very many family and friends.

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Birthdays

TODAY: Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Anson, 67: Sir Edgar Beck, president, John Mowlem, 85; Lady Ruchel Billington, writer, 54; Sir Rhodes Boyson MP, 71; Mr Eric Burdon, ruck musician, 55; Professor Michael Hamlin, former Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Dundee University, 66; Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman, Racal Electronics, 70; Professor Autony Hewish, radio astronomer, 72; Sir An-thony Hollis, High Court Judge, 69; Sir Robert Hunt, former chairman, Dowty, 78; Sir Gordon Langley, High Court judge, 53; Brigadier Joan Moriarty, former matron-in-thick Army Nursion Services, 73; Me chief, Army Nursing Services, 73; Mr John Parrott, snooker player, 32; Mr Jeremy Pannan, television presenter and reporter, 46; Sir Ian Percival QC, former Solicitor-General, 75; Mr Ian Redpath, cricketer, 55; Miss Natasha Richardson, actress, 33; Mr Mort Sahl, comedian, 69; Mr Mike Sleman, rugby player, 45; Miss Judith Weir, composer, 42; The Hon Mon-tague Woodhouse, historian, 79. TOMORROW: Mr Burt Bacharach.

composer, 67; Mr Alan Ball, football nager, 51; Mr Dominic Cadbury, chairman, Cadbury Schweppes, 56; Sir Cyril Chantler, Principal, United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals, 57: Mr Michael Coates, former chairman, Price Walerhouse, 72; Mr John Floyd, auctioneer, 73; Miss Susan Hampshire, actress, 54; Mr Nicky Henson, actor, 51; Mr Henry Hodson, former Editor, the Annual Revister, 90; The Earl of Kimberley, member of the House of Lords Defence Study Group, 72: Lord Laing of Dunphail, life president, United Biscuits, 73: Mr Eric Lyall, chairman, Pearl Group, 72; Sir Roger Moate MP, 58; The Right Rev Hugh Monteffore, former Bishop of Birmingham, 76; Ms Jenoi Murray, broadcaster, 46; Mr Chris Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, 52; Miss Rosalind Savill, Director, the Wallace Collection, 45; Mr Frederick Smithies, schoolteacher and trade union leader, 67; Dr Miriam Stopard, writer and broadcaster, 59; Miss Deborah Warner, stage director, 37; Mr Steve Winwood, rock singer and composer, 48; Sir Paul Wright (Life Peer), former Head of the Diplomatic Service, 81.

Anniversaries

TODAY: Births: Reginald Pole, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1800; Alfred Stevens, painter, 1828; Ottmar Mergenthaler, inventor of the Linotype machine, 1854; George Grossmith, the Younger, actor, 1874; trying Bertin (Israel Isadore Ba-line), 1888; Paul Nash, pointer, 1889; Dame Margaret Rutherford, octress, 1892; William Grant Still, composer, 1895; Mikhail Alexandrovich Sholokhov, novelist, 1905. Deaths: Sir Edward Dyer, poet, buried 1607: Catharine Cockburn, playwright and author, 1749; William Pitt, first Earl of Chatham, statesmao, 1778; Spencer Perceval, prime minister, asinated in the House of Commons by John Bellingham, 1812: Tom St Rictrodis.

Cribb, pugilist, 1848; Jeanne-Françoise Julie-Adelaide Bernard Recamier, society leader, 1849; Sir John Frederick Herschel, as-tronomer, 1871; Big Jim Colosimo. Chicago racketeer, shot dead by Al Capone, 1920; Juan Gris, Cubist painter, 1927; Harold Adrian Russell
"Kim" Philby, spy for the Soviet
Union, 1988, On this day: Constantinople was dedicated as the new capital of the Roman Empire, 330; Peter Stuyvesant, explorer, arrived at New Amsterdam (New York), 1647; the City of Greater New York, consisting of the Bronx, Brooklyn, Man-hattan, Queens and Richmond, was created, 1898; the New York World's Fair reopened, 1940; Siam changed its name to Thailand, 1949; the Daily Sketch newspaper appeared for the last time, 1971; the mosical show Cate day is the Feast Day of St Ansfrid, St Asaph, St Congail, St Francis di Girolamo, St Gengulf or Gengoul, St Ignatius of Laconi, St Mayoul or Ma-jolus, St Mamertus, St Richard Reynolds, St Tudy or Tudec of Brittany and St Walter of L'Esterp.

TOMORROW: Births: John Bell, surgeon, 1763; Emma (Lyon), Lady Hamilton, mistress of Lord Nelson, 1765; James Sheddan Knowles, playwright, 1784; Edward Lear, artist, humorist and versifier, 1812; Florence Nightingale, piooeer of oursing, 1820; Dante Gabriel Rossetti, poet and painter, 1828; Jules-Emile Frédéric Massenet, composer, 1842; Gabriel-Urbain Fauré, composer, 1845; Lord Aberconway (Charles Benjamin Bright McLarco) politi-cian, 1850; Wilfrid Hyde White, accreator of the "Saint", 1907. Deaths: Waldemar the Great, king of Deo-mark, 1182: Thomas Wentworth, Schlegel, poet and critic, 1845; Sir Charles Barry, architect, 1860; Daniel-François Esprit Auber, com-poser, 1871; Bedrich Smetana, comfield, poet, 1967; John Smith QC, politician, 1994. On this day: the ina 20-ton meteorite struck the earth near Blackstone, Virginia, 1922; the er disputes caused the arrift to con-tinue, 1949; in Britain, the voting age was reduced from 21 to 18, 1969. Today is the Feast Day of St Dominic of the Causeway, St Epiphanius of Salamis, St Ethelhard, St Germanus of Constantinople, St John Stone, St Modoaldus, Saints Nereus and Achilleus, St Pancras of Rome and

tor, 1903: Leslie Charteris (Leslie Charles Bowyer Yin), novelist and first Earl of Strafford, statesman, executed, 1641; August Wilhelm von poser, 1884; Joris-Karl Huysmans, writer, 1907; Erich von Stroheim (Erich Oswald Stroheim), actor and director, 1957; John Edward Masesurrection against the king known as the "Day of the Barricades" occurred in France, 1588; during the American Revolutionary War, Charleston fell to the British, 1780; General Strike in Britain collarsed. 1926 Captain Amundsen crossed the North Pole in the airship Norge. 1926; the coronation of King George VI and Queeo Elizabeth took place, Soviet Union was lifted, although oth-

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Princess Royal, Potron, the Northern Lighthouse Board, 10day and tomorrow visits Fair Isle, Start Point, Orkney and other Lighthouses in the Orkney architectago. The Duke of Kent, President, accompanied by The Duchess of Kent, unlay attends the Foothall Association's Challenge Cup Final, at Wembley Stadium, Wembley,

Changing of the Guard TODAY: The Household Cavalry Mount-ed Regiment mounts the Queen's Life ed Regiment mounts in Queen's Date Guard at Horse Guards, Harr; Ist Bat-talion Irish Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckinghous Palace, 11.30am, bond provided by the Coldstream Guards, TOMORROW: The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 10am: F Company Scots Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckdugham Palsee, 11.30am, band provided by the Irish

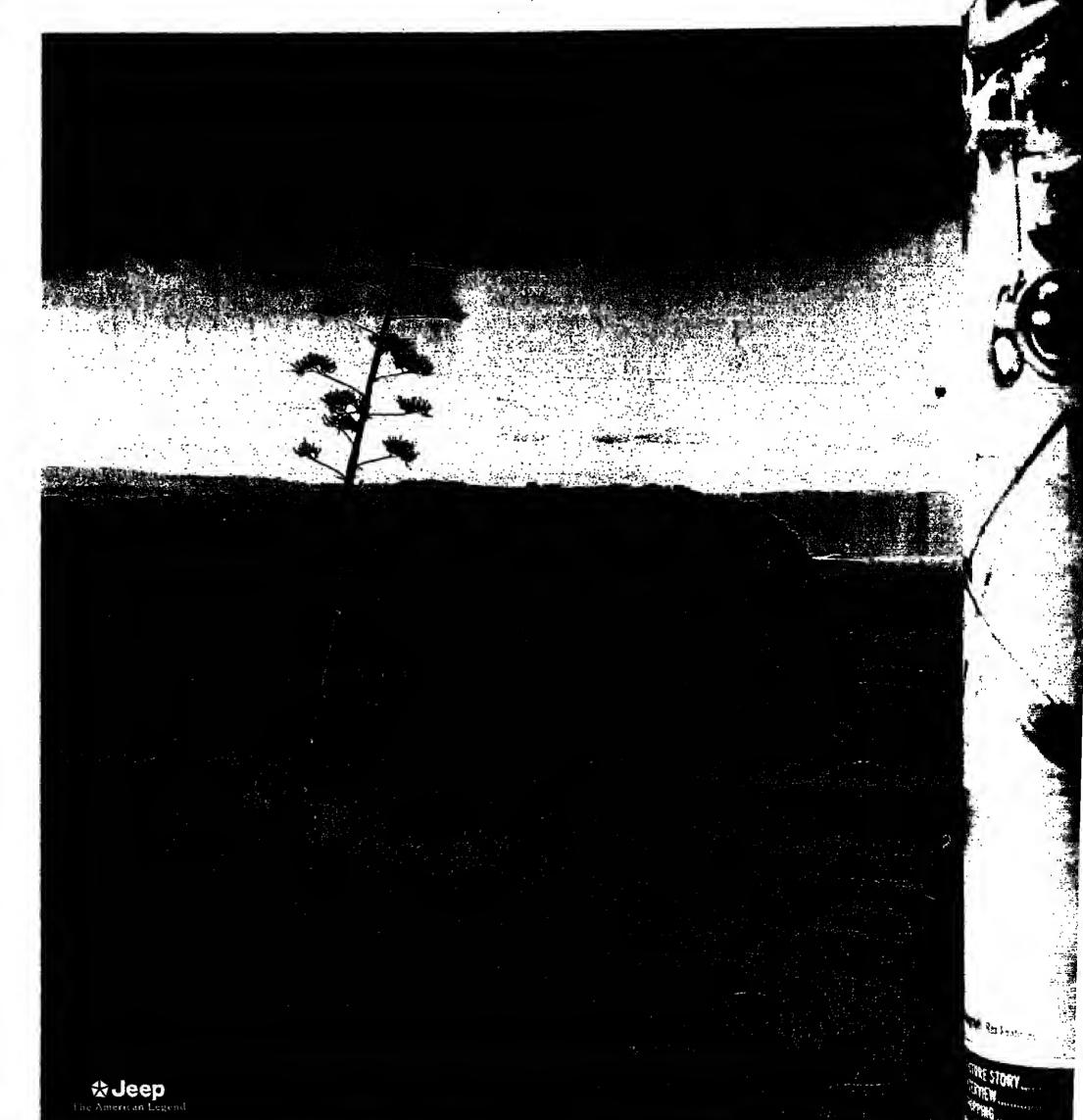
Lectures TODAY

Victoria and Albert Museum: Sorrel Hershberg, "20th-century Furniture Design", 2.30pm.

Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury. The Allure of Watercolour Paint-British Museum: Simon James, "'It

ain't haif cold Mum' - Roman soldiers at Vindolanda", 1.15pm. National Portrait Callery: Duncan Forbes, "Regicide and Andrew Marvell", 3pm. TOMORROW

Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury, "Art Redefined: Marcel Duchamp's legacy", 2.30pm. National Portrait Gallery: Paul Webb, "Sir Donald Wolfit", 3pm.

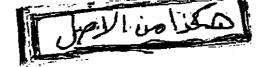


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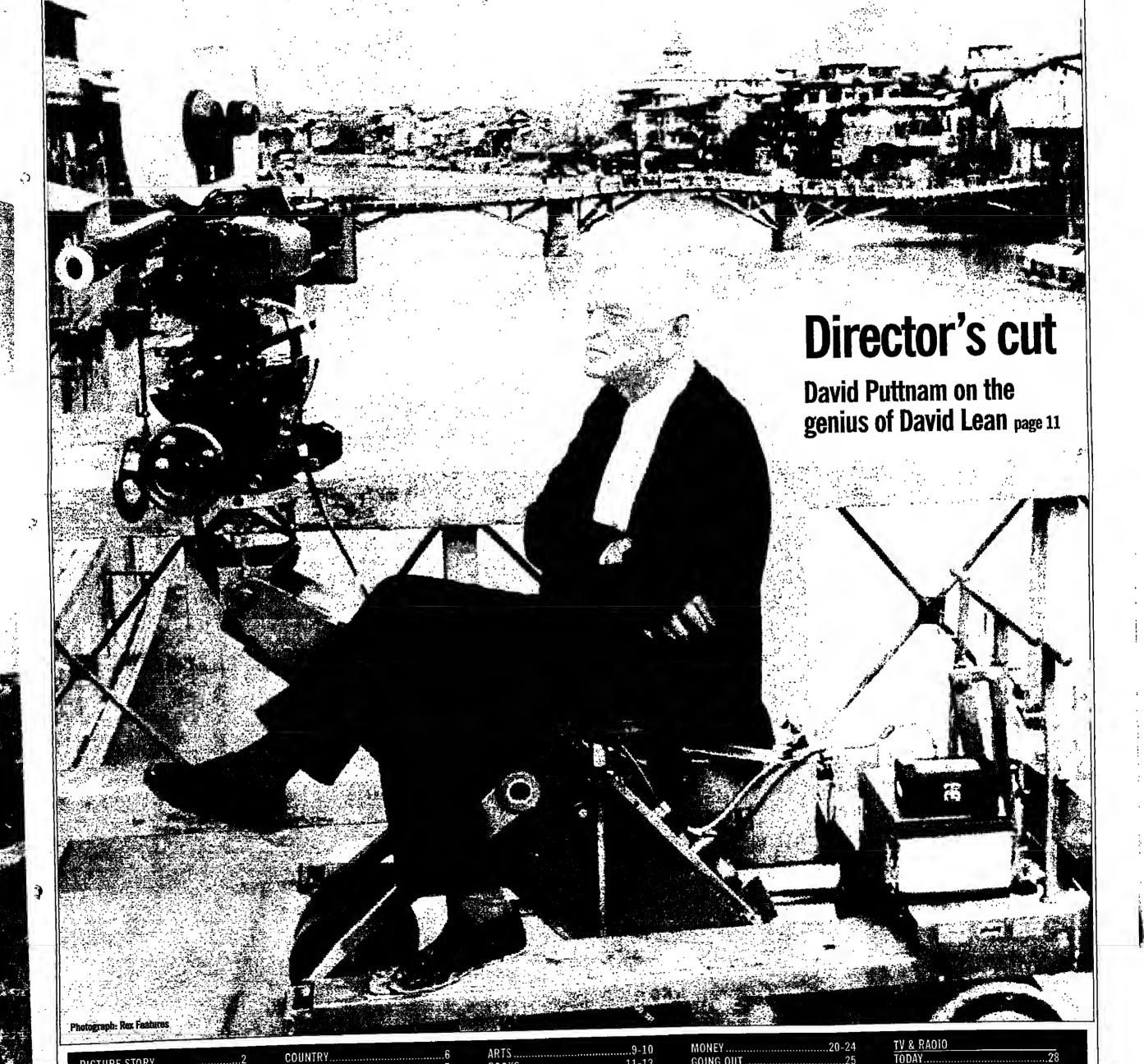
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THEY KNOW IT'S ALL

This afternoon, tens of thousands of Liverpool and Manchester United fans will converge on Wembley Stadium for the FA Cup final. Some of them will even get in. For the past five years, David Ahmed has joined the ticketless hordes condemned to an afternoon on the wrong side of the turnstiles. Here is his sorry report



Restricted view: Manchester United tans experience the vicarious agonies of watching the 1994 FA Cop. final on a mini-TV screen. United remped to a 4-0 victory over Chelsea







Once upon a time in the west

He's tried everything, from suicide to dope on the White House roof. At 63, the outlaw Willie Nelson is the epitome of 'what they started America for'. By Jasper Rees

illie Nelsoo spent the evening of 29 April 1973

drinking whisky in Tootsie's Orchid Lounge, Nashville, staggered outside, lay down oo the tarmac aod waited for a passing car to end it all. There was pleoty of snow on the road, but little in the way of automobiles. "I picked a night when the traffic was slow," says the failed suicide. "I hope I was smart enough to do that."

The morning after, be turned 40, a birthday by which most singers who are going to make it have already done so. On a heavier night for traffic, Nelson would have joined the already lengthy list of musicians gathered up somewhere oear their prime. You'd have found his name oear the bottom, in small print, way below his fellow Texan Buddy Holly, or Patsy Cline, who made his song "Crazy" famous. It's convenient, if not quite accurate, to date the birth of It's convenient, if not quite accurate, to date the birth of the Willie Nelson of legeod to that night on the snowy, deserted asphalt. Actually, the troobadour had already begun roping a bandana round his hrow and wearing his auburn hair down betweeo his shoulder blades. But it's true that most of the income on which the Internal Revenue Service famously computed a tax shortfall of \$32m was earned

after that half-hearted attempt to kill himself.

In the 1960s be made a tidy living from other crooners' polite recordings of his melancholy songs. In the 1970s be blithely reinvented country music, sang gospel, blues, Broadway tunes, and shifted more records than anyone in a bat bad ever managed. He earnt the tag of outlaw and bacmory has ed the money. baemorrhaged the money.

A few years ago there were signs of creative wilt, but then he hired Don Was, jumpstart producer to vintage stars with engine trouble, and came up with Across the Borderline. It was a stunning way to kick off his seventh decade, which may be his finest yet as he scratches away at the upper limit. of what we regard as an acceptable age for productive rebelson has been 63 for a fortnight. He has snow-white eyebrows and a ragged matching beard. The odd Delta bluesman may bave been ploughing oo for even longer, but no one who started out at the same time as Elvis Presley still pounds the circuit with quite such an air of oot knowing what the

hell else they'd be doing "He's the paradigm of what a contemporary American artist should really be about," says Don Was down the line from LA. "He completely shunned the music centres and set up his own little station on the frontier. He will not play by the rules. That's really what they started America for." It makes sense that he's a national institution. Sinatra sang at his sixtieth. Last year some Seattle bands made a grungey tribute album. When recently arrested for marijuana possessioo (a charge he'd never deny; he once smoked a joint on the White House roof), the case was thrown out of court.

Last weekend brought Willie Nelson and Family's neverending tour to these shores. On Saturday night the paterfamilias shambled on to the Albert Hall stage, shod in chunky grey trainers and baring sturdy, wrinkled old man's biceps. The show over, Nelson pumped paws and signed programmes for fans variously distinguished by nose rings, blue rinses, beerguts and scrubbed pre-pubertal complexions. No high priest of popular music presides over a

It's midnight by the time the glad-handing is done, but the promotional chores are not over. Out on the road Nelson sets aside the small hours for doing interviews.

We traipse through the old huilding's network of corridors to a door marked Conductor's Room. Imagine the talent that has used this cupboard down the years. Its current occupant perches on the sofa. His much younger wife Annie, a make-up artist he met on the set of a movie, takes the chair; and the pony-tailed henchman leans against the door jamb. After the concert: Willie Nelson and Family, the interview.

The first time Nelsoo performed in London, "if I'm not mistakeo, I came with Hank Snow and we played the Royal Albert Hall". Ringo Starr popped backstage: maybe he'd heard that Snow, a country legend born in 1914, hailed from Liverpool, Nova Scotia. The Beatle "came in the dressing room, and said 'hello', and that's about it. He didn't know me from Adam."

Nelson set about distinguishing himself from Adam at an early age. His pareots were divorced, so he and his sister Bobbie were brought up by his father's parents. Grandfather was a blacksmith with a gas station out the front on the highway. Little Willie "would turn the bellows that fire the coals that heat the horse shoes to shape them, and I helped him sharpen a lot of ploughs". But both grand-parents also taught music: "They could read the 'do re mi fa so la' to the shape notes, and teach legitimate singers to sing."
Their best ever pupil got a Stella guitar at five. "The strings were an inch off, so my fingers got toughened up early."

In fact, his first talent was in words rather than music "That was the first thing that he was really so very good at," says Bobbie Nelson, his sister and pianist, who exudes the same air of slow serenity that's part of the Texan inheritance. (Another part, thanks to the state's ethnic diversity, is the catholic taste in music, which helps to explain the baffling news that Nelsoo's next release will be an album of reggae songs.) "Before I learnt to play an instrument I was writing poems," ber brother confirms. "I was writing about things that I had no idea of." "Infidelity and betrayal," his autobiography says - straight into the wrist-slitting country groove. And the first song, does be remember it? "Sure." So how does it go? "Can't tell you. If it was that good I'd be doing it in the show."

His grandfather died when Willie was six. Perhaps out of proxy-paternal feeling, the town's other blacksmith invited him, aged eight, to join the local Bohemian polks outfit. "I've often wondered why John Rayejeck wanted me in that band, unless he just thought maybe I was going to be in some band somewhere and maybe wanted to give me a little experience of what it was all like. I played rhythm guitar in a band where you had a big drum, and a big com-pa horn.



There was no way that I could be beard. I didn't care. I was getting paid, and they couldn't hear my mistakes."

For his sileot errors he took home \$8 a night: not bad, pro rata, compared with the weekly wage of \$50 he earnt as a desk-bound songwriter when be first went to Nashville in 1960. But that was years away. He formed his first family band, with Bobbie, her high-school husband, the football coach and their dad, and got the touring babit. It didn't take him far enough, though, and at 16 he joined the US Air Force: "It was a way out of town. I had to get my grandmother to sign for me to go I was so young." He did a tour of Korea and, as the Nashville suits would discover, responded poorly to authority: "Everything was disciplinary and you had a lot of orders to follow, and I was oot used to doing that."

Back home he worked oo a farm in Waco and sold encyclopaedias and vacuum cleaners door to door. But having DJ-ed in his teens, he took it up again and for several years he flitted from station to station and state to state. In 1956, 40 years ago, be pressed his own single and hawked it over the airwaves in Vancouver, Washington. "I think I sold four or five hundred at a dollar apiece, and I threw in an eight by ten glossy."

There was marriage, children, drinking, trailer parks and penury, but the songwriting gathered pace. Commuting from Pasadena to perform over in Houston, be composed in the car, and in one week he wrote "Crazy", "Night Life" and Funny How Time Slips Away, the rights to which would keep someone less spendihrift in moderate comfort for life. That was a nice week." Did he know "Crazy" was that good a song? "Once I found the chords to it: I heard some chords in my mind and so I went to the guitar and tried to find them and it took a little while. The words came actually quicker

than the chord changes." Pretty soon he was in Nashville, writing songs for a publisher that others would record. When Faroo Young gave singer down to Tootsie's Orchid Lounge and kissed him oo bouse and fishing camp. But be did hurry out a compilation

the lips. Nashville had its first taste of Nelson's unorthodoxy. Though financially secure, his own singing career stayed stubbornly in ocutral: a contract with RCA tied him up for 18 underpromoted alhums. His voice's nasal phrasing was too loose and interpretive for regimental Nashville. and wheo his house burnt down two days before Christmas in 1970, he needed no further encouragement to slip home

to Austin and grow his hair. It was a way to blend. I felt like if I was going to be there and really relax and do what I wanted to do, it was a good time to do it because the audiences were definitely not dressing up. So I didn't see the need to do it, because I really wasn't trying to impress anybody." And yet this was when he started to do just that he switched labels in 1973 and spent the rest of the decade cooking up albums done to his own specifications - not the overdone style of Nashville but rare, almost raw. Shotgun Willie was a shot across the bows, then Red Headed Stranger went gold. Wanted: The Outlaws, made with fellow troublemaker and most frequent collaborator Waylon Jennings, was the first country album to sell a million. Stardust, a collection of covers, defied all dire warnings of disaster.

The money oow avalanched into his wallet, but never settled. "I didn't keep it. It sort of went through me. A lot of people had a good time, including me. I doo't regret it. I still try to throw it away quicker than I make it, but so far I haven't been able to do that." At the end of the 1970s, the IRS decided that Nelson owed them. He's often been portrayed as a financial incompetent, but he blames, and indeed sued, the people he hired to be competent for him. "It was bad bookkeeping oo their part. I had an accountant who didn't tell me the right thing to do. He had me in some tax shelters and things that were disallowed, and it was really not that good advice." To settle his debt, reduced to about \$9m, be did not in the end, as has been widely misreported. him his first hit, the songwriter, \$20,000 richer, tracked the have to auction off his studio, golf course, western town,

called The IRS Topes: Who'll Buy My Memories. The 1980s found him diversifying into film (soundtracks and acting) and the annual Farm Aid benefit to help America's struggling rural communities like the one into which he was born.

The constant throughout has been his obedience to his twin mistresses, writing and the road. In 40 years he has written in the order of 2,000 songs, roughly one a week, though actually I'd skip a few weeks and then maybe write six or seven in a day. There are far more than can ever be recorded. Spirit. the new album, starts with three songs remembered from 15 years ago. The nearly completed reggae album rescues forgotten tunes from the early Sixties. "He probably wrote 600 songs in that period," says the album's progenitor Doo Was. "There are 300 sitting there that oo ooe's ever heard and he simply didn't have time to record. But the quality doesn't diminish. There were three or four that he really didn't remember writing." They're still mostly sad meditations on lost love and broken dreams, Does it all go back to his parents' divorce? "I can't blame it oo them. I don't know. I'm a country songwriter and we write cry-in-your-beer songs. That's what we do. Something that you can slow dance to."

Like Eric Clapton, a more frequent occupant of the Albert Hall, he lost a son a few years ago. Where Willie had failed to kill himself at 39, Billy succeeded at 33. But unlike Clapton, there have been no cathartic songs on the subject. Miraculously. Nelson has kept up an air of unsullied cootentment. He oow has two more young sons, is doing what he enjoys and doesn't see the point of retirement. "I can't see what I'd be retiring to or from." The words from "Crazy" (which Patsy Cline hated when she first heard his demo) have never rung more true. "Worry, why in the world should I worry?" And there bave been no more nights spent supine on the tarmac. "If you get by one time there's no need pushing your luck. So I haven't laid in the street any more."

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So, to a cashpoint. In went the card, tap in a pin number and in seconds the balance reader showed me there was now £50 on it. The first buy was a newspaper. At a corner

news stand, Victoria News, an assistant took the card and popped h into a machine. A display showed the price: 40 pence. All very easy - no rummaging for the correct change, though it did feel odd using plastic for

such a small amount. And there was a com-pulsion to check the halance, what if I was electronically overcharged? But a quick look at the reader showed £49.60 left. "From a retailer's point of view it's very good," said news-stand manager Richard Jackson. "But less than one per cent of my actual

customers use it. Lots of people get confused about what it actually is, they think it's a Switch card or a credit card." In Debenhams café they took it too, But among a large queue for morning coffee, I was the only one paying by Mondex. Did many peo-ple use it here? "No, not really," said the lady on the cash register. "I wish they did, it would

make everything a lot easier."

House and Home



Mondex: good for both buyers and sellers?

ian chocolates, but horrors - the stall didn't take Mondex. Forced to dig out cash, I asked stallholder Pauline Dawson why she wouldn't take my card.

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She is not alone. In Beatties I picked up a couple of toys and put them on the counter. "Sorry, we don't take Mondex," said the lady on the till. "Somebody came round asking if we wanted it, but we weren't bothered to be hon-

est." So back went the toys.
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kiosks, fast food outlets and public houses. Trying to buy hunch on Mondex was a sad affair. The Oven Door, a cafe a door down from "Inevitably at such an early stage of a totally new concept there will be people in Swindon the Mondex Centre didn't take it. Nor did the who aren't yet aware of what Mondex might do for them. But independent market research has shown that the overwhelming majority of those who do use Mondex are very happy with it." restaurant in the Wyvern Theatre. The Savoy, ingly hungry, I ended up in McDonalds. This seemed appropriate. Fast food—electronic cash; McDonalds—McMondex! The young lad behind the register informed me that his Mon-

Perhaps I was unlucky. Rather than a con-venient alternative as its backers suggest, I found shopping with a Mondex card frustrat-ing. At the end of the day I felt nostalgic about good old fashioned notes and coins.

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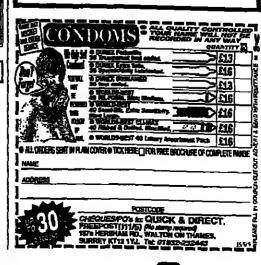
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The plastic inflatable bangle: simply a must for shiny, happy people

By Dominic Lutyens

was until Sixties and Seventies retro legitimised it again. Cult London shop Tom Tom first reminded us of how quirky and fun original Sixties and Seventies plastic furniture can be. Now, shops such as Oggetti Alessi, which once specialised in dauntingly "grown-up" china and glass, stock funky, frivolous plastic goodies.

It's not only the home that's welcoming back shiny, happy plastic. Judging by Jan-ice Taylor's popular PVC and moulded Perspex bangles, rings, necklaces and belts, jewellery designers may be poised to embrace

And about time. Just as designer black shows no signs of giving up the ghost, so silver has been the easy jewellery of choice for as long as most of us can remember. Taylor's designs are not only original and irreverent, they are also very contemporary in that their colours and shapes refer to the look and mood of Sixties and Seventies space-age furniture. Her inflatable bangles suggest that, somewhere along the line, she was smitten by the experimental blow-up furniture of the Sixties (for example, Italian designer Zanotta's classic Michelin man of a chair, Blow). "Futuristic furniture might have been very trendy in the Sixties," says Taylor, "but some of it was timeless so it has lasted well."

Clearly, Taylor also has a soft spot for the space-age Perspex jewellery that was so in vogue in the early Seventies - the uncompromisingly modern kind you can imagine finger-on-the-pulse Bond girls wearing with a devastatingly simple balter-neck dress for

Taylor studied painting and sculpture in her native New Zealand before moving to London where she got hooked on making jewellery. Although her ideas have always been innovative, her first designs looked nothing like the hard-edged jewellery she produces today. First came a collection of necklaces consisting of an intricate cobweb of semi-precious beads that covered the entire torso, "I wanted to design something that was half-way between jewellery and clothing," she explains. "The natural extension of that was to make body jewellery, which is when I thought of doing cane shin pads. The cane was woven in such a way that the pads were stretchy and moulded to the body."

For one so passionate about the heavily synthetic space-age aesthetic, didn't using natural materials go against the grain? "Not at all. My work always picks up on what fab-

e were once as inflexible in our rics are fashionable at the time," says Tay-dislike of plastic as plastic itself. Its are fashionable at the time, says Tay-lor. "Two years ago, everyone was wearing It was nasty, tacky, and, to invoke linens and natural fibres, so my designs then its slang meaning, "fake". That bad a more natural look." Now that people think plastic's fantastic, she is, of course, in her element. Her current highly polished range, available in zesty limes, oranges and yellows, couldn't be more in tune with this summer's much-trumpeted fashion for juicy, citrus shades. Not surprisingly, London shops like Browns, Liberty, American Retro and Koh Samui have snapped up Tay-

> Taylor stresses that she wants her designs to be seen as extrovert and fun. "I like jewellery to look cartoony and very comicstrip," she says. Recalling brightly coloured lilos and children's arm bands, her inflatable bangles, from £28.00, have kitschy, seaside overtones. Available in mad fluorescents, many of them also look tailor-made for raves. A midriff-encircling "necklace", for example - a fluorescent Perspex band on a slinky chain to be worn around the waist - bas been a hit with American Retro's club-fiend customers. Just as idiosyncratic are Taylor's neck bib (a transparent choker that looks like a miniature baby's bib, from £45.00), clavicle pendant and multi-coloured candy-stripe Perspex knuckle-dusters. Made of superlight materials, they are also very comfortable.

Taylor concedes that although its more respectable now, plastic jewellery still isn't taken seriously by some fashion cognoscenti.
"Some people think of plastic as throwaway
and trite," she says. "To give it more credi-bility, I'll couple it with silver pins or an elegant snake chain in silver-plated nickel." Not that Taylor need worry about her designs lacking credibility or of being pigeonholed as kitsch. For starters, she has an eye for unusual colour combinations. One of ber belt buckles, for example, teams a loud egg-yolk yellow with a quiet grey, while one of her hracelets is made of two interlocking semicircles, one in a mellow flesh colour, the other in a garish fluorescent green.

Looking ahead a bit, for autumn/winter (she hrings out two ranges a year), Taylor plans to replace summer's day-glo hrights with lapel pins, chokers and chunky bracelets in classical tan, amber and lacquer red. She will also he using Bakelite Perspex to create a Forties flavour, while sticking to Seventies modernist shapes. "I'm interested in how the Seventies were inspired by different retro styles, one of the main ones being Art Deco," says Taylor. "I like to sandwich these different influences."

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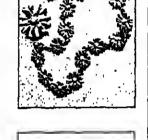
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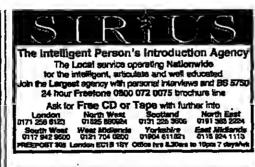
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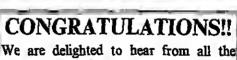
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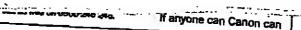
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Gwynfor Evans effortlessly sits yet another sheep at his feet, rubs his aching hack and bends the task in hand. Each sweep of the cutter is completed with astonishing speed and accuracy, the entire fleece pecling away within a minute.

The season for shearing sheep is short, but intense, starting io May and finishing before August. At the end of the period Gwynfor and his "gang" of farmers' sons will have notched up some 50 days, shearing around 50,000 sheep between them.

"Mostly we clip small mountain sheep on the hill farms. charging 35p each - mind you, I'd want at least 50p for larger lowland sheep," he says. "The gang number depends on the quandity of sheep. We each clip around 280 a day although one lad once managed 374."

One of the hill farms Gwynfor works at has 2,300 sheep to be shorn io a single day. To achieve this, ninc shearers are required. The farmer, Robert Lewis, organises the rest. "For every two men shearing, I oeed one wool 'lapper' to fold and roll the fleece, keep the floors swept clean and fill the wool sheets." These "sheets" are large hessian sacks strung to the ceiling with capacity to hold 40-50 fleeces each.

Traditionally, the farmer employed extra men to catch the sheep for shearing but lately a catch-your-own policy seems to be favoured. "1 can charge a couple of pence more per sheep to do this and it's easier on your back if you can straighten up between each one," admits Gwynfor. Usually, clipping starts at

8am uniess a heavy dew or raio occurs overnight. If the sheep are wet, shearing is held up, Gwynfor grimaces at the thought. "You can't shear wet sheep hut we must he finished up, ready for the next farm the following day. We cao only wrap it up when all the sheep are done - 5pm if we're very lucky, 10pm if we're cot."

Most farms "pitch" their sheep at shearing time (paint-ing the farmer's initials on the backs for identification) and this requires an extra pair of hands. Robert Lewis oeeds a total of 24 men including Gwynfor's gang for the day.

How well the sheep shear warm, dry spring beiog ideal. A until the sap rises io spring and depends on the weather: a cold, wet season causes the natural body grease of the sheep to more. cling to the skin, preventiog the wool risiog and resulting in



shearing heing "sticky aod tough going". In the past, farmers used to wash the sheep a few days before clipping. They would stank (dam) a brook with sand bags to make a pool then put the sheep in for a few mioutes," explains Gwynfor. Clipping was a lot easier: the water washed out the grease and left the fleece spotless. I can remember helping as n child hut the practice stopped over 25

On Robert Lewis's farm, shearing is the single most important day of the year with an coormous amount of organising on Robert's part to ensure its smooth running. "Everyone pitches in - oeighbours, relatives, even local retired farmers looking for a day out back on the farm, come to lend a hand," he says. "The womenfolk doo't

have it easy either: it's a long day, with many mouths to feed."
Gwynfor's day doesn't just start with shearing either: "I have to be up at 5.30am to grind the combs and cutters for the machines". And it doesn't end there: " My evenings are speot arranging the gang for the following day - hay harvesting often falls during shearing time so the farming lads won't commit themselves in advance."

Gwynfor started shearing at 16 hut it wasn't until he reached 22 that his speed and technique hecame proficient enough to begin cootract work. "Teaming the right style is critical or you'll oever become fast enough to earn a deceot crust," he says. "You need an understanding wife, too. I don't see much of mine during summer."

Wheo shearing eods in August, Gwynfor packs away his machines and prepares his chainsaw and axe. For the oext four mooths he will he feecing with his brother for the local farmers, followed hy hedge-

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Oldland Mill sits on a blustery Sussex hill. It is being restored by the 'intrepid eight', all of them pensioners

By Clive Fewins

learly 16 years ago eight men began restoring a derelict 17th-century ussex windmill as a labour of ove. Now they are opening it to the public for the first time. Tomorrow is the second Sunday in May - the annual date when mill eothusiasts throughout the country hope for a good wind and an equally good response from the public

as they throw open their doors and put on special events for National Mills Day.

At Oldland Mill, which sits on a hlustery hillock open the West Sussex village of Keymer, it will not be quite like that.
Tomorrow's visitors will find the skeleton
of the mill swathed in scaffolding, erected
by the "intrepid eight" (all now retired) just over a year ago. There are no doors to open because the rotteo ooes, removed many years ago, have yet to be replaced. Lack of funds and heavy equipment has meant slow progress, so the eight have set-tled for a steady routihe, working ooe day a week (usually a Thursday) throughout he

"When we took on the lease from the county archaeological society in 1980 the huilding had been untouched since a botched restoration in 1938," said the leader, retired engineer John Annett, 72.

"Although the huilding still had the appearance of a conventional Sussex post mill - a mill which rotates with the prevailing wind round a single post - the timber exterior was falling off and water had seeped in and rotted much of the oak frame that supports the main structure."

The building was last used commercially in 1919 and when the eight started stripping off the wooden cladding the only part they found substandally intact was the 30ft high round post that forms the centre of the mill.

"It is a magnificent piece of timber, probably original, which has some interesting carved graffiti from succeeding generations of millers. We have been able to save it and are huilding the rest of the structure round it," Mr Annett said.

The eight have also been able to save the ooe-and-a-half tonne 25ft-long cast iroo windshaft, which was installed when the mill was converted to steam around 1860.

Supported by the scaffolding, it looks like the giant bowsprit of an old ship. Eventually it will be removed for an overhaul before being re-crected to hold the main brake wheel, which Mr Annett and his team plan to reconstruct.

The other giant piece of timber in the mill is the crown tree, an ecormous, horizootal slab of oak that supports the whole weight of the structure of the mill as it rotates oo a base of four huge oak timbers that form a trestle at the foot of the building.

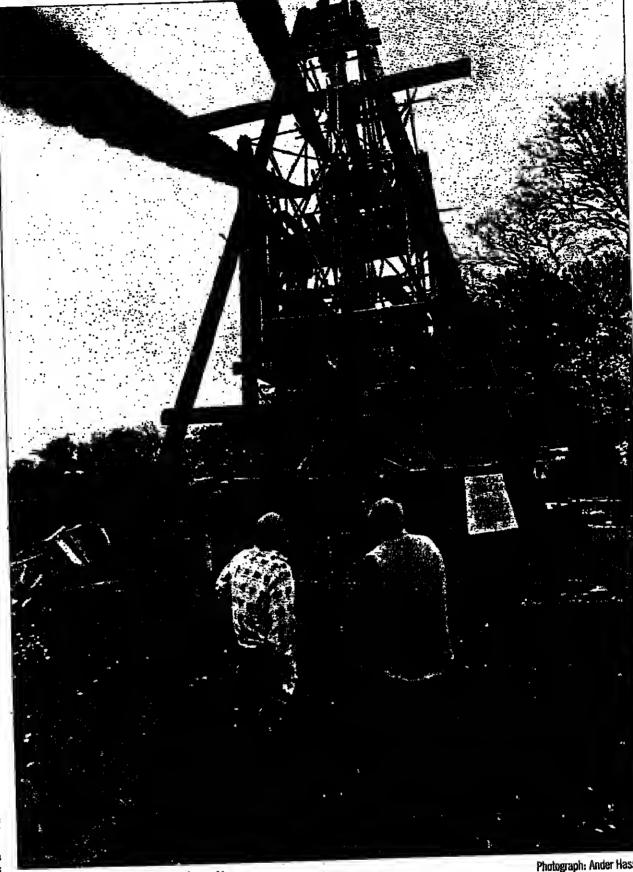
"Raising this was the only task for which we employed a cootractor. Our average age is 65 and it was just too much for us,"
Mr Annett explained.

"However, using a hand winch we have managed to raise two of the oak frames we have huilt that form the sides of the huilding. Each weigh about a tonne. "The next task is huilding and raising

the other two sides of the frame. One of these - the hreast frame - will weigh about ooe and-a-half tonnes, so we might need help again with the lift." Most of the framing is huilt from a job lot of oak Mr Annett bought in 1982 for

£6,000. The team cut all the joints by hand. They are fixed together by oak pegs that they have also made.
"We hope to get the main frame com-

plete oext year, before turning to the machinery, most of which we salvaged and stored, and the four 22ft loog sweeps



Two of the Intropid eight survey their labour of love

[sails]," Mr Annett said.
"After that I reckoo we have another 10 years ahead of us, making the whole enterprise a 25 year project. By then I calculate that our oldest member will be 92. We have no problem producing draw-

ings hecause two of the team have worked extensively oo mills hefore aod it is fairly easy to follow the existing structure. Wheoever we are in doubt we consult owners of other surviving post

financial. The work has already cost more grinding corn in a coople of years. How-

than £18,000, which has been raised ever carrying oo in this way keeps us out mainly from village coffee mornings and of the pubs and off the streets for at least one day a week..." not own the freehold of the site," Mr

Annett said. "British Telecom generously gave us £1,500, and another company said they would give us £2,000 pounds a year."

Unfortunately after two years they weot hroke. "I reckon that with one cheque for

The main problem the team faces is £200,000 we could finish the joh and be

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The case of the radio-carrying salmon

s the great experiment working, or is it not? That is the question flyfishermen are asking on the River Beauly, north of Inverness - for this is the first spring in which it should be possible to gauge the results of the imaginative re-stocking pro-gramme which was lauoched four years ago.

For six centuries the river belonged to the Lovat family, but in May 1990 the fishing rights were bought by the newly-formed Beauly River Fishings Company, which hegan an amhitious programme of improvement. Part of this was the physical refurbishment of the waterway, and included the creation of new pools and the clearing of the burns in which salmon spawn.

This certainly seemed to help, for the annual catch leapt up from a 10year average of 678 to more thao double. Cynics may claim that part of the rise was due simply to more intensive fishing, but there is no question that the remedial measures have had a beneficial effect.

A more subtle challenge was to recreate the spring run for which the river used to be famous. Any number of salmon can be caught in June, July and August - but might it be possible to re-build April and May?

Ooe fact of life on the Beauly, for good or ill, is the pair of hydro-Their good poiot, piscatorially and through the dams to the sea,



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speaking, is that they conserve vast quantities of water, some of which is constantly being let through, so that eveo io a drought the river has a good flow. The had point is that they retard the passage of fish upstream, even though they are fitted with lifts which allow salmoo to go through.

William Midwood, maoaging director of the oew company, reasoned that the higher up the river a salmon is bred, the earlier it is likely to return from the sea, since it has farther to go to reach the hreeding ground which instinct makes it seek out. In June 1992 he therefore arranged for over 100,000 fed fry (baby salmoo) hatched from Beauly spawn to he planted in burns far up-

In due course these fry grew into parr, and then into smolts. Those which survived should have been electric dams built in the 1950s. washed downriver, over the falls

doring 1994. Now the first of them and autumn, some 10,000 salmoo should be coming hack as two-seawinter salmon.

"Should he" is the operative phrase. As Mr. Midwood points out, "It's tremendously difficult to find out what's actually happening". Although oot many fish have been caught yet this spring, everyone agrees that there are more salmon in the river than at this time last year. But whether this is due to the restocking policy, or to factors out at sea, oobody can say. In an attempt to gain more

knowledge, the company hopes to cooduct a major radio-tracking experiment through the River Beauly District Fisheries' Board; but this would cost at least sought. Meanwhile, a small-scale radio project has yielded fascioating information about how fish approach the main hydro dam at Kilmorack.

Last summer 10 salmon were oetradios. Three automatic listening stations monitored their movements: one as they approached from below, another as they entered the bottom chamber of the lift, and a third as they emerged from the top. Of the 10, only four went through, but the monitors revealed that the radiosalmon made more than 1,000 visits to the lower chamber.

Altogether, during the summer hardly ever hite.

went through the dam. If this figure represents the same ratio as that of the radio-fish (40 per cent), it suggests that there must have been some 15,000 salmoo in the river below. It further suggests that the catches now heiog made io the Beauly as a whole – 1,687 in 1994 and 1,395 last year – are at an easily sustainable level.

What fascinates me is the fact that, in spite of intensive study and the insatiable eothusiasm of experienced fishermen, so much about salmon remains mysterious. How, for instance, do they find their way hack to their home river? Experts agree that taste guides them in the final stages, hut before that they may £150,000, and a grant is being rely on currents, changes in sea temperature and eveo a magnetic sense.

It is well established that wheo they enter the river, they cease to eat. Why, then, do they sometimes go for an artificial fly? Is it out of ted below the dam and fitted with curiosity or irritation? Why, after several blank sessions, did Mr Midwood suddenly catch three in a hour ooe evening? And why, in particular, did no fish go for my fly in three whole days of casting? Pailure cannot have been entirely due to my ham-fistedness.

Eveo if every salmon in the river carried a radio, I bet we still wouldn't know why it is that the fish will

Clear out the yard, but spare the concrete

WORKSHOP: Gill King and Michael Griffith-Jones want ideas for their courtyard, yet they don't want to lose the stone floor. By Anna Pavord

Our home is a brick (c1914) two-storey warehouse in south London. We would like some ideas of how to treat a walled court-yard space, approximately 34ft by 16ft. This is currently a sin-gle storey extension to the main building. We plan to remove most of the roof, leaving a shelter nine feet deep at the north-west end and knock out the windows and doors to create arches in the 10ft high wall. It has a concrete floor which we do not propose to take up, although we can break it up in certain areas for drainage purposes. This area is on an east-west axis and is quite overshadowed by largeish trees over which we have little control. We think built-up beds will be necessary and want to

hen Gill King and her partner, Michael Griffith-Jones wrote this letter, they were living in a Portacabin, waiting for builders to finish work on their warehouse, once a ceramic tile works. By the time I caught up with them, they had moved in and the area where the Portacahin had been standing had become another cause for concern. It is beside the extension they talked about in their letter, a rectangle, mostly rubble, roughly 18ft by 10ft filling the northeast corner of their plot and heavily overshadowed by a large sycamore. Not the most propitious spot for planting.

The only earth in the whole place is a thin strip, just four feet wide squeezed in between the outside wall of the extension (which was to become part of the garden) and the tall, battered chain link fence that is their northern boundary. It's just about wide enough to walk down without knocking the corners off your elbows.

Ms King does not mind the lack of earth. "Tve got very attached to our tarmac" she said. "I like the idea that once, huge 40ft lorries hacked in and out of this huilding. We've kept so much of the structure. We don't really want to start digging up the hard surfaces."

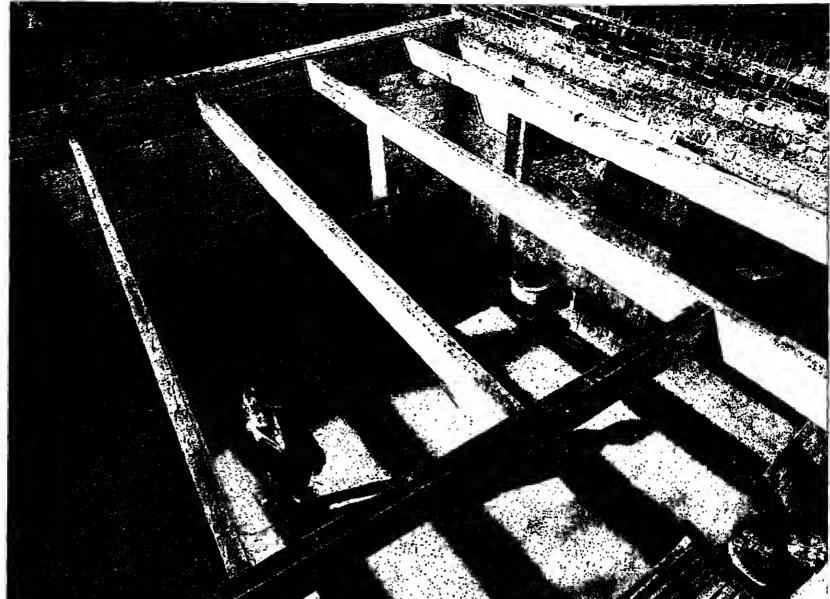
Ms King and Mr Griffith-Jones are both social workers in their forties and they want the garden to be a peaceful refuge, a soothing place, with the white noise sound of water burhling in the background and great waves of scent to billow past the seats they have already put in the walled courtyard.

By taking the roof and every other roof joist away from the lean-to extension, they had created a very successful walled-round courtyard with a pergola-like roof. They had taken out the old Crittall windows, leaving three arched openings along the north facing wall. The old, cracked concrete floor was still in situ, but the walls on the inside of the courtyard had been whitewashed, giving the space a curiously Moorish air.

I suggested a rectangular pool in the centre of the courtyard, built to the same proportions as the yard itself. A raised pool would break up the space more effectively than a sunken one, and would be easier and cheaper to build. Faces bright-ened at the thought that the beloved concrete would not have to be sacrificed, but fell when I suggested hedging all the way round the raised pool with box. This would grow up to the level of the water and then be neatly cut across the top, so that the water would look as if it was contained in low

hedges of box, rather than in breeze-block walls. Could the box bedges be planted in troughs, asked Ms King. "No" I said firmly. They could drill a border round the outside of the pool and plant in that. It would still be less trouble than excavating a space big enough for the pool itself. But the look on their faces convinced me they would do nothing of the sort. The pool, with a simple submerged jet in the centre to give the required background noise, would be simple to install. At the end of summer they could fix a net over the top of it to catch the leaves that fall in huge numbers from the sycamore.

On the outside of the courtyard where the thin strip of earth runs between the wall and the chain-link boundary fence, Ms King and Mr Griffiths-Jones had dug big planting pits under-neath each of the windows, and had already set Clematis montana in each of them. They had three different kinds: 'Tetrarose' which has hig blac-rose flowers, 'Elizabeth', which smells of chocolate and the more deeply coloured 'Pink



Jill King: T've

Photo: Nick

Perfection'. If I had been choosing, I would have spread the flowering times of the three clematis more widely by choosing just one Montana, with a Macropetala clematis for early spring and a Jackmaii type for high summer.

Set on the outside of the courtyard wall, the plants faced nearly Part of the record wall in the plants faced nearly Part of the record wall in the plants faced nearly Part of the record wall in the plants faced nearly Part of the record wall in the plants faced nearly Part of the record wall to the roof beams.

Inside through the window arches and up the inside court-yard wall to the roof beams.

Inside the courtyard building, Ms King and Mr Griffith-Jones had terracount at the plants faced nearly plants for the roof beams.

north. But if the stems were led in through the window spaces, they could be trained up the inside south-facing aspect of the wall, where they would oot only flower better, but be more easily seen by Ms King and Mr Griffith-Jones. When the clematis are large enough, they could scramble along the open pergola-like roof joists.

Since this was the only earth these two gardeners have they need to make the most of it. I suggested vines such as Vitis coignetiae which could cope with the shade cast by the sycamore, Vitis vinifera 'Purpurea' and a rumbustious rose such as the white, cluster-flowered 'Rambling Rector'. It only flowers once, but then so do the Montana clematis. For late summer, they could try white-flowered solanum, and in the sunniest spot, the tropical looking climber Campsis x tagliabuana 'Mme Galen'. The vines would give a feeling of luxuriant leafiness. The clematis, rose and solanum would add colour. The campsis has foliage as good as its brilliant orange trumpet flowers. All could be

grandiflora, the hig-leaved evergeen bull hay that comes from the Florida swamps. They aren't adapted to life in containers, but in the short term, they may be happy enough, espe-cially if the watering system Mr Griffith-Iones talked about is installed. They will all need regular feeding. I find Osmacote slow release granules the easiest and best method of feed-

ing. Used in spring, they provide food for the next six months. If they built a raised bed along the far east-facing wall of the courtyard, Ms King and Mr Griffith-Jones would make life easier for their plants. They would also give themselves room to huild up satisfying plant groups - difficult in an 18in container. But it would mean drilling holes for drainage in the concrete at the bottom of the raised beds. Although I dared not suggest it, I would then cover the con-crete throughout the courtyard with creamy gravel, making sure I had cracked up enough of it underneath to allow

flowers such as erigerons and violas to self-seed. The space outside the courtyard was more difficult to resolve, overhung and dripped on by the sycamore. But since Mr Griffith-Jones seemed to like formal arrangements I suggested dividing the space visually into two squares by standing a bay tree in a pot in each of the two halves of the long

Neither of them wanted to remove the rubble here, so the plants would have to cope with shade, drought, and starvation. If they could he started off in pockets of good earth, excavated in the rubble, they would have at least a fighting chance of survival. Dark-leaved hugle, arums with marbled leaves (Arum italicum 'Pictum'), epimediums with good foliage on thin wiry stems, creeping lamiums, pink and white purple-leaved Viola labradorica (or even the hullving yellow flowered), tellima and sporty-leaved pulmonaria would all be worth trying. Once planted, they could be left to weave them-selves together into a low Persian carpet of changing leaf and flower. Small ferns such as Polypodium vulgare 'Cornubiense' might survive too.

But I am worried about those magnolias, which are programmed to grow into massive stately trees, at least 15ft high, 10ft wide. I can imagine their roots soon hanging against the sides of their pots shouting "Help! Let me out." I hope Ms King and Mr Griffith-Jones will be able to hear them.

Back to the drawing board

Botanists still prefer paintings to photographs. Charlotte Packer rediscovers an intricate art

any people regard botanical art as a genre which started at some point in the 15th century, reached its peak with the works of Johann Jakob Walther, Redouté and Ehret, and died at some point early this century - its usefulness eclipsed by the immediacy and accuracy of photography. Not so. Botanical art has not only survived, but is actually thriving, and the genre as a whole is currently enjoying something of a renaissance - as the current exhibition of the Shirley Sherwood Collection at Kew Gardens Gallery in London makes clear.

The plants and flowers represented in the show are analysed petal by petal, stamen by stamen; each minute hair annotated. Colours are built up through washes until the exact pink, red or green is achieved. While the dedication of these artists is all very laudable, and their illustrations remarkable, is their work really necessary? Wouldn't a photograph be a faster, more accurate, and certainly more cost effective means of recording organisms which often die before the artist's paint has dried, and sometimes long before the study is even finished?

The advantage of the artist's eye over the camera hecomes obvious the moment you look closely at any of the works in Dr Sherwood's collection. No camera could record the detail required by botanists, and captured by the artists. Thus botanical illustration is an essential means of plant identification, and is regarded as an important scientific took "The photograph will give you a very good idea of a plant's habitat," explains Dr Sherwood. "But when it comes to the nitty gritty, a botanist will always consult a drawing." The key to any botanical illustration, she says, is the quality of the specimen recorded, and a good hotanical artist will go to any lengths to get that perfect specimen. The lavishly illustrated book which accompanies the exhibition is filled with tales of hulbs that died, plants



that wilted or in the case of Paul Jones - who has dedicated his powers of observation and drawing to the camellia - the commission scuppered by a member of the public who unwittingly picked the choice flower and hud he was planning to paint. The commission had to wait a year until the plant was next in bloom.

For many years there has been no real market for contemporary botanical art beyond the academic: at Kew, for example, there are at least a quarter of a million extraordinary studies of the rare and the common-place, all beautifully and faithfully executed (the majority for scientific and horticultural publications), but then consigned to folios where they will be looked at by a couple of hundred pairs of eyes at the most. A meagre reward for such lonely and exacting work. However the fortunes of the botan-

ical artist have begun to change. The Kew Gardens Gallery shares its treasures with the public, mounting at least two exhibitions a year since its foundation in 1988. While Kew's efforts have met with approval from artists and public alike, Dr Sherwood, botanical artist manqué, has been the real force behind moving late 20th century botanical illustration beyond the realms of science and into the art world. Her unrivalled collection, built up over the last six years, has made the works of contemporary artists in this field available to a wider, and hugely receptive lay audience.

> Botanical Artists: The Shirley Sherwood Collection is available in paperback from Kew Gardens (£12,99) or in hardback from bookshops (£40). The exhibition at Kew Gardens runs until 2 June.

CUTTINGS

The Savill Garden, now at its spring peak, is holding a Plant Fair today (10am-5.30pm). Many specialist nurseries will be selling plants and there will also be old gardening books for sale. Entrance is via Wick Lane, Englefield Green, off the A30, on the edge of Windsor Great Park. Admission £3.50.

Plant Heritage's Yorkshire Group are holding their Spring Plant Fair tomorrow (11am-4pm) in the old riding school

at Hovingham Hall, Malton, Alpines, herbaceous perennials, trees, shrubs, clematis, ferns, violas and plants for ponds will be on sale as well as pots from Bessingby Pottery. The garden, with 18th-century dovecote, will also be open. Admission £2.

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Sow sweetcorn in a warm, sheltered spot outside. Set the seeds in a grid

about 18in apart to help pollination. Sow beetroot, sprouting broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabhages and carrots, Hoe between rows of onion sets to chivvy weed seedlings. Pinch mut sideshoots of greenhouse tomatoes and feed regularly. Sow cucumbers, marrows and melons inside or in a

greenhouse, setting a single seed in a three-inch pot. Cover the pots with

newspaper until the seedlings emerge. Cut back over ambitious evergreens such as spotty laurel (Aucuba japonica) and plain laurel (Prunus laurocerasus). New shoots will soon spring from the

gardening



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The north-east is booming. So are developers — and they're running out of properties. By Mary Wilson

size, its MetroCeotre is Europe's most profitable retail mall; North Shields has and I have become keen Newcastle United supporters. Neither of us even liked football before. the largest commercial development outside London; and at the moment 67 companies are planning to move to North Tyneside. Small woncountry. The only fly in the oiotment is that Newcastle didn't win the Premier League.

Companies such as Bryant, Bellway, Persimmon and Barratt are building as fast as they can. Newcastle itself has always had a fairly small housing stock and with a population of only 250,000 has had a relatively stable housing market. "Since the crash, we have not seen huge drops in prices, nor savage examples of negative equity" says Peter Hephurn of Black-

Bryant Homes, which intends to double its output every other year in the north-east, is seeing a substantial rise in sales. Susan Latimer, regional sales manager says, "We are right out of built homes at the moment. We have had such a good last three months that everything is sold. It is very good news and we are putting up prices at some of the better sites."

Prices in some parts of Newcastle - Gosforth and Jesmond - are now very similar to those in Loodon. Other popular residential areas are Darras Hall and Pontcland, although a core of wealthy families have recently moved out even further to Corbridge, which is oow half an hour from Newcastle on the dual-carriage A69.

Malcolm Weinberg of GA Property Services

he north-east of Britain is currently an moved up to Ponteland from London three years area of superlatives. Newcastle will have ago with his wife Gillian and two teenage the largest Marks & Spencer in Britain, daughters. "It was rather traumatic for the first ooce the present one has doubled in six months, but after that we all settled in well.

"Newcastle is a very convenient city, it is very self-contained with everything you want within der that the north-east has the highest rate of new house building than any other region in the ger house with more land than we could have afforded in Loodon, and are virtually in the countryside."

The demand for three-bedroom semis and four-bedroom detached houses is growing rapidly. David Wellstead of Countrylife Homes, who himself moved up from London 30 years ago, is keeply aware of this. "My company is usually involved in commercial ventures, but I saw there was a gap to the market for high-spec executive houses in small villages within com-muting distance of Newcastle," he says.

At Shotley Bridge, a village 10 minutes from Newcastle, he is building nine three- to fivebedroom houses in local stone with slate roofs and walled gardens slopiog down to the River Derwent. The timber-framed houses have huge living rooms and dining rooms with central inglenook fireplaces. Prices range from £150,000 to £269,000,

In the second-hand market, it is also the larger homes which are being snapped up. GA Property Services, which has 15 branches in the area, cannot find eoough good houses to sell.

We have done nearly a year's husiness in the first quarter of 1996," says Duncan Young, area once it is joined up by a walkway to Quayside.



The £30m St Peter's Marina development, launched by Barratt with the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation

going up in value by 20 per cent on six months ago. There is quite a shortage of these and what we really oeed is more good quality new fam-

Ooc of the nicest period properties GA has just put on the market is Dissington Garden House, near Dalton. This four-bedroom, early 19th-century house is in the midst of farming land, has five acres with a large walled garden and is on the market for £550,000.

Barratt launched its £30 million St Peter's Marina development oo the river Tyne in part-nership with Tyne and Wear Development Corporation in 1987. Although this developsales director. "Some of the better houses are This waterfroot area is being developed into a

oew business district, with shops, new homes,

a hotel, leisure facilities and restaurants. Barratt has started work oo six new developments in the area which will create around 600 homes. "Prospects for the housing market in the north-east are brighter now than at any time during the past two years" says Mike Norton, Barratt Northern Chairman. "Our sales revenue is running seveo per cent ahead of last year and the huge investments by the likes of Siemens and Samsung are going a long way to dispel any lack of confidence."

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owners. It once belonged to William Parnell, who opposed the union between Ireland and Britain back in the early 1800s and later the house was owned by the "hanging judge", Judge
Keogh. Bushy Park, which bas 22 acres
and is 13 miles from Dublin, will be
auctioned oo Tuesday 28 May by
Hamilton Ochorae Vine It has sicht Hamilton Osborne King. It has eight bedrooms and three main reception rooms, superb grounds with coach house and stabling, a house and two cortages. "We bave had some good home-based enquiries, but we believe that there will be a high level of interest from abroad. particularly from England and Germany' says Hugh Hamilton. (00 353 1 6760251).

For What Its Worth

here is evidence of increased demand for prime central Loodoo properties according to Wetherell. The estate ageot reports that this is particularly the case in the £50,000 to £2m price range. Wetherell says this is borne out by the current trend for offmarket deals which in their experience in the last six months amount to about 30 per cent of all transactions in the Mayfair area.
This might provide some cause for

concern for agents; not so Wetherell. Because of the difficulty of finding the right property on the market (not helped by this predilection by vendors to sell quietly and privately), the agent has also had a 250 per cent increase in the oumber of applicants who are prepared to retain them in the acquisition of properties. Wetherell has been helping these clients buy properties whether on

Blots on the landscape: the caravan sites that became shanty towns

Because of a loophole in planning regulations, mobile home parks have sprung up in protected beautry spots. By Amanda Seidl'

home parks can be unsightly shanty towns that are outside normal planning regulations. And because of a loophole in the law, they have sprung up in protected beauty spots where any form of housing development would be out of the question.

To the untrained eye there is little obvious difference between a hungalow and a top-of-the-range park home, with its bay windows and tiled roof. Wheels and supports are tastefully hidden behind a brick wall, while inside, fireplaces and fit-

second-band homes can be found for around £20,000.

According to the British Holiday & Home Parks Association, around 205,000 people - 80 per ceot of them retired live on mobile home parks in Britain. The appeal lies not just in the price, but in the location of many parks in unspoilt rural and coastal surroundings where housing development is either not permitted or is prohibitively expensive.

Planoing laws only recognised caravan sites as a development control issue in ted kitchen give no clue to the home's 1960. But caravao parks established

ohile homes generally bave a had press. This is partly down to the association with illegal gypsy camps, building sites and sprawling senside caravan sites. At worst, mobile senside caravan sites and surrounded by the Rorest.

So why not build a bungalow and be licence, and because the definition of a caravan is so vague, it is still possible for sites designated for holiday caravans to be developed as permanent residential use."

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For those willing to content to the mobile bome parks without additional planning permission.

In the New Forest, just such a developmeot recently raised a storm of local protest wheo a field in the green belt near Lymington was bought by park home manufacturers, Wonderland Homes, for the development of an estate of 64 residencial mobile homes.

What had been a field with half a dozen caravans hidden hehind a bedge bas now been turned into a small bousing estate," explains Michael Stilton, head of development control at New For-

Pat Packer, marketing manager of Wonderland, believes that the quality of Knighterest Park will overcome anxieties about its impact on the environment. "We have a quality award from the National Park Homes Council, so that governs the standard of landscaping," she says.

Like most park home estates, Knightcrest is aimed at retired couples and has strict regulations cootrolling pets, traffic and noise. Residents may not use their park bomes for husiness purposes or let them out and children are absolutely forhidden. The objective is to create a

£83,000 for a two-bed, two-bathroom luxuriously appointed mobile home. The price includes a 99-year lease on a private landscaped plot complete with shed and paved driveway. Compared to park homes in other parts of the country this is expensive, but Mrs Packer points out that the price is roughly half the cost of a two-bedroom bungalow in the area.

Landowners have complete cootrol over their private resideotial enclave, a situation that sometimes led to ahuse of power before the introduction of the Mobile Homes Act in 1983. Mobile home

Most councils oow treat applications for residential mobile home sites as they would a housing development application. But there is still a significant difference in the amount of cootrol planners can exercise over caravan sites.

"If we get an application for 12 houses, we know what the houses will look like and where they will be built on the site," explains Mr Stilton of NFDC. "But on a residential caravan site the only rules governing lay-out and density of use are those imposed by health and

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The trials and tribulations of being a late 20th-century royal portraitist

they contain, then for the reactioo The unveiling of a recent portrait of the Queen provides a good case in point. The picture shows an elderly but dignified woman, with age-battered hands (has she been biting those nails?) and an expression of contemplative melancholy. It is very far from unsympathetic but it is decidedly unregal and, for royalist critics, it has had much the same effect as poking a stick into a ways and the same effect as

Queen resembles "a pensioner about to lose her bungalow". He was indignated about this but, though this is a bathetic description of the Queen in her present travails, it is not, surely, an entirely inaccurate one. The analogy has some

Portraits of the powerful are always force. She is getting old and she can't be sure that she will pass on to her children they contain, then for the reaction they provoke in those who view them, what she down possesses by right. For the artist, and even for some royalist portraitviewers (Bill Deedes in the Telegraph, for example), this was to be counted in the picture's favour. It is a plea for sympathy, a reminder that the monarch is a woman too and might, indeed, have sentiments in common with a pensioner in

For both Brian Sewell and Lord St John of Fawsley (foppus obsequiosus), this misses the point of royal portraiture, poking a stick into a wasps' nest.

Brian Sewell (foppus petulans) pot his elegant, unchawed finger on the ceotral at all, but instead the strange amalgam of individual and institution which makes problem when he protested that the of individual and institution which makes up a mooarch. More than that, to paint out the details that might interrupt our sense of majesty. "The Queen is not an ordinary woman," says Sewell firmly, "not one of us," which (taken out of context like this) has a certain revealing



harshness to it. Sympathy for a monarch is one thing, fellow-feeling quite another. Lord St John, the Malvolio of Emmanuel College, is more unctuous: "It hasn't got the essence of the Queen, which is a screnity, benevolence and a bappiness."

Come again? These might be qualities he would wish for the monarch but, by ingly, the Queen appears to be wearing a cloak rather similar to that which she

sports in Annigoni's sbamelessly flatter- of inner character. The result was gening depiction of a regal figurehead – as uinely startling – something like if Anthony Williams wished to refer back Desperate Dan after one of Aunt Aggic's if Anthony Williams wished to refer back to that reverent image and show us how. far we had come.

This isn't the only recent fuss over the depiction of the powerful. When RB Kitaj's recent portrait of President Clintoo was unveiled at University College there was, according to some reports, a stunned two second silence. We should take this with a pinch of salt, I think unveilings traditionally demand a moment of cootemplation and two seconds hardly sounds excessive. But looking at the image, you could see that the assembled dignitaries might bave had he would wish for the monature out, ber own confession, they have been a bit thin on the ground recently. So, if the picture is a portrait horribilis, there may be in the Oval Office, appeared to have decided on a rather old-fashioned kind of portrait - an image of power and determination rather than a revelation

hated make-overs - but I don't think there's any doubting the sincerity of its attempt at respect. Kitaj voted for Clinton and wrote rather touchingly of his excitement at being in his presence. The result might bave looked like a caricature but it was one with obedient

rather than insurrectionary motives. Both pictures demonstrate the uneasy dilemma that faces any good artist painting a portrait of someone with power. It is essentially a problem of divided fidelity - is the artist to be true to Queen and country, or true to life? For Holbein, I doubt if this was quite such a difficult opposition, if it arose at all. Even though it is now conventional to read his portrait of Henry VIII as a covert revelation of brutal state power, it's unlikely that he consciously took the risk at the time. words, he owed to his monarch.

Tastes change in faces as they do in clothes and this massive figure, with his broad, resolute features, probably gave the client exactly what he wanted, an idealised vision of unassailable vigour. He is his own bodyguard, a bouncer planted before the throne.

For a modern painter, though, truth has come to be associated with weakness and vulnerability, with the scrupulous evasion of vanity. Honesty trades in the currency of what we would rather not confess. The ascendancy of psychological recognition as the final arbiter of artistic truth effectively means that a portrait which does not bring the great down to our level is in danger of being perceived either as a failure or a fraud. "They were like that!" exclaimed Anthony Williams, defending those controversial hands in this paper. In other words, he owed his loyalty to his art, not

Can we have your marks, please, Oslo

Norwegians take the Eurovision Song Contest very seriously indeed. James Rampton reports from a country in the grip of Europop mania

magine having someone like Cliff Richard or Sandie Shaw in the Cabinet. In Norway, they do. Ase Kleveland, a statuesque fortysomething in a leather three-piece, is Norway's Minister of Cultural Affairs. She is also, like Sir Cliff and Sandie, a former competitor in the Eurovisioo Soog Contest, coming third as a 16-year-old with "Intet nytt under solen" ("Nothing New Under the Sun") in 1966. Her subsequent rise to power is just one indication of the awe in which Norwegians hold the Contest.

Norway, which hosts the contest next Saturday, is in the grip of Eurovision fever, Picture the FA Cup Final fervour in Liverpool or Manchester this morning, then double it, and you're some way to grasping the extent of the Norwe-gian passion for Eurovision. In other parts of Europe, it may be a rather comical competition between people with bad hair crooning different variations on the lyric bing, bing, a-bong", but in Norway it is a vital assertion of national identity. They visibly bridle at suggestions that they are best known to the rest of the continent for a record-equalling run of nul points. Jahn Teigen, who netted two out of the country's three zero scores, has become a national hero in

People thronged the streets waving flags and tooting car-horus oo the night Norway won last year with "Nocturne"; it was like Rio when Brazil took the World Cup in 1994. This year NRK, the state broadcasters, expect more than see if they can repeat the feat. The contest annually attracts gramme in Norway. There has recently been a hotel strike in Oslo and locals were calling in, unbidden, to offer Eurovision competitors and delegates accommodation in their homes. A Eurovisioo Internet home page is being called up by 2,000 people a day. The 6,500 tickets for the ceremony at the Oslo Spektrum Theatre sold out in two bours, and NRK has also filled the house for the two dress rehearsals.

Kato Hansen, a neat, bespectacled translator who moonlights as president of the 150-strong Norwegian Song Contest fan club, thinks he's died and gone to Eurovision heaven. Taking periodic breaks from editing the Eurovision book, which lists every song since the competition's inception in 1956, he is entertaining journalists from all the over the globe in his immaculate central Oslo flat, which houses the world's most comprehensive collection of Eurovision memorabilia. He has a recording of every single contest - something not even the BBC possesses - and can reel off stats with the unerring accuracy of a Speak-Your-Weight machine. A man who would not look out of place at a trainspotters' convention, he reveals that Nana Mouskouri sang for Luxembourg in 1963 - "she came eighth" - before telling me that the official count of 138 la la la's in Spain's winning 1968 entry - entitled, you guessed it, "La La La" - is incorrect

because the singer unexpectedly repeated one verse.

Although indignant that Terry Wogan's commentaries have "turned the Eurovision into a laughing matter in Britain", Hansen still manages to smile wheo assessing his own approach. "I do worry that it's taking over my life. I'm an academic, I know I'm not supposed to like the Eurovision, but it's about not giving in to the pressure to bate it because it's not politically correct. It's a question of not growing up, of allowing yourself the joy of remembering the fun you had when you watched your first contest."

The Norwegian Folk Museum at Bygdoy outside Oslo-where last year's winner, Gunnhild Tvinnrein, dresses up in national costume and works as a guide - is also rubbing its hands at the prospect of the contest. It has mounted a Eurovision exhibition which is attracting cult followers like a Star Trek convection. The displays include the original pink pyjama suit woro by Kleveland in 1966. "This used to be a very conservative country," she recalls, "and my grandmother was very upset. She thought my pink pyjamas brought shame on the family." On the wall of the museum is pinned a quote from a Norwegian remembering the first time Norway entered the Contest in 1960: "Eurovision was like Christmas Eve. No one was on the streets. It was a free evening

So what is it about this arcane parade of terrible trousers and even worse tunes that so captivates the Norwegians? Your marks, please, Oslo. "The popularity of the Eurovision Song Contest is inversely proportionate to the size of the country." Hansen contends. "For Norwegians it's a way of seeing how we do on the international stage. Italy, France, Germany and the UK don't oced that kind of confirmation because

they already know that they're important." Kleveland - a lookalike for the actress Shirley Anne Field greets me in her spacious, wood-panelled sixth-floor office at the Ministry of Cultural Affairs in the heart of Oslo. Pushing aside a pile of state documents on her huge desk (oot quite in the Michael Heseltine league, but getting there), she attempts to explain Norway's magnificent obsession with the Eurovision Song Contest. "It holds a very special place in the hearts of Norwegians because the interest is always greatest in the smaller nations, those countries which have an urge to show we can compete with bigger nations. For instance, there are suddenly a bunch of nations from Eastern Europe with a need to present themselves as able to compete with Western countries [this year's Eastern Bloc minnows are Estonia). We don't really mind as long as we beat the Swedes." There was a diplomatic incideot last year when the Swedish jury gave no points to the Norwegian song which went on to win. The Swedish ambassador in Oslo was

obliged to apologise to the Norwegian people for slighting

A completely random sample of opinioo in an Oslo bar the same evening confirms the significance of Eurovision to the Norwegians. Arma, a marketing manager with a sharoingly good grasp of English, reckons that "in Norway, it is still a big deal. We do actually sit there and vote. Norwegians take themselves too seriously. If we could take a more satirical, more British attitude to it, it would be better. The problem is we're quite nationalistic." Anyooe who remembers the tide of patriotic emotion that swept many Norwegians to victory in the 1992 Lillehammer Winter Olympics

Anna's companion, a civil engineer called Axel, takes up the theme. "We're not happy about having Europe dictate to us on anything – fishing policy, for instance. Norway has an inferiority complex because it's quite a new nation, [It only gained its independence in 1905 after five centuries of foreign rule]. We said 'no' to the EU in a referendum in 1994 because we felt we could do better oo our own, with-

The Song Contest is an opportunity for Norway to present itself to the world as something more than just a country of fjords and flags. When Bobbysocks, the Norwegian duo, won in 1985 with "La det swinge" ("Let It Swing"), the Prime Minister held a state dinner for all Oslo's diplo-80 per cent of the population to tune into the ceremony to matic corps in their honour, and they gained a government marketing award for their services to exports.

NRK's nerve-centre on the outskirts of Oel

up for the Big Night under the auspices of the executive producer of the Contest, the splendidly named Odd Arvid Stromstad, a stubbly man with rock-star looks who might also be known as "Mr Eurovision". He shows me a model of the set for the cootest - a hockey-pitch-sized, hi-tech mock-up of an oil rig. Norway's major industry. "At the Olympics," he reflects, "you saw Norwegians as a strange people waving flags and wearing red oational costumes. It was very folkloric. We're giving Norway a more modern image of a country good at providing equipment for the oil and electricity industries.

Kleveland agrees. "It's important to show we doo't just play around in mountains and believe in trolls. We're a modern welfare state, and for 25 years we've been an oil and gas nation." Lars Otto Wollum, Eurovision's information advisor, asserts that the contest "is more socio-politically important than we realise".

Morteo Harket - this year's co-presenter (with NRK's Washington correspondent, Ingvild Bryn) and the former lead singer with what is perhaps Norway's biggest export after oil, the pop group A-ha - evidently agrees. He maintains that the cootest is "a step forward at the negotiating table. It does help with European unity."

Kleveland wouldn't go that far, but she is keenly aware of the PR benefits to Norway of a show broadcast to more than 300 million people in 42 countries (including South Africa, Australia and South Korea). All for a budget of just £4m. "People's memories are very short." she muses. "We are a nation of four million people, so the funding to pro-mote ourselves in the world is limited. If we had to buy the promotional package we're getting from the Eurovision, we could oever afford it."

As we tot up the promotional marks for Norway, the country is very much in credit. "There's so much negativity from the media about Eurovision," Hansen protests. "It's like the West End theatre critics in London - they kill for pleasure. There's a stigma about the Eurovision Song Contest, a jour-nalistic cliché that says it is per se bad quality. Maybe it's a case of political correctness. But the attraction of the contest is its excitement. Critics should acknowledge that."

Kleveland is equally robust. "In spite of all the criticism not least from British journalists - you haven't been able to kill the Eurovision Song Contest. It's about innocence, fun and competition. Everyone sits at home giving points. Just as many mark the performers for their dresses as for their songs - that emphasises what it's all about."

She hopes the love affair between Norway and the Eurovision Song Contest continues to blossom. "Norway is really interested in music," she enthuses. "Everyooe sings in a choir. On our National Day, we will have I10,000 kids playing in brass bands. It's a very strange country.

The Eurovision Song Contest will be broadcast from Osio on BBC1 at 8pm next Saturday night.





in 1968 with 'Congratulations' Ase Neveland, above, the current Norwegian Minister for Culture, as she looked way back in the 1966 contest This year's presenters, right, Inguild Bryn and Morten Harket from A-Ha, Norway's biggest pop export Photo: Marten Kregvold







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Evgeny Kissin Royal Festival Hall, London

There was a buzz in the hall - and it wasn't just excitement. By Adrian Jack

early half of Evgeny Kissin's piano recital at the Royal Festival Hall on Wednesday evening duplicated the programme uf his latest CD, recorded last year. Perhaps that con-tributed to a sell-out, although worship of the 25-year-old phenomenon has been growing apace in this country, fuelled by earlier recordings and two previous London recitals, both

This was not such a happy occasion. At the end of the Bach-Busoni Chaconne, pushed for volume further than a rather tinny-sounding piano could support, a high-pitched whine announced that someone had prohably not adjusted their hearing-aid. It persisted all the way through Schumann's Fantasia, like a malicious experiment in aversion therapy. It's a mystery that Kissin never seemed to notice it. though he had an accident at the very beginning, which might have given him an excuse to walk off and get the problem sorted out. So far as one could judge in the circumstances, his per-formance was full of wonderful things, though he streamlined the jumps at the end of the middle movement so that the rhythmic detail and any sense of excitement were lost.

After the interval, an apologetic announcement was made and, fortunately, the problem didn't recur. Beethoven's "Moonlight" Sonata hrought the house down, if only because the last movement was whipped into a whirlwind that would have satisfied even Liszt's cravings for explosive sonorities. But there were plenty of those to come, from Liszt himself. The piano fairly rattled at the end of "Harmonies du soir", though it survived for a pummelling, in "Wilde Jagd", as merciless as it can ever have had to bear. Even the delicate, quicksilver vision of "Feux-follets" took on a savage edge.

It would have been good if Kissin had offered some relief, some sign of subtler feeling in his encores. Instead, he played to the gallery, with Liszt's vulgarly overblown arrangement of Schumann's exquisite song, Frühlingsnacht, then a Perpetuum mobile by Carl Maria von Weber, played much louder than the composer himself can ever have imagined, and finally, Tausig's version of Schubert's Marche militaire, with added cannon effects. As we came, somewhat stunned, out of the hall, there was a resounding retort to the whole spectacle in the form of a rave party under Waterloo arches, which sounded like a full-scale military

> Evgeny Kissin plays Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No. 3 with the Philharmonia Orchestra / Yevgeny Svetlanov: 8pm 4 June Symphony Hall, Birmingham (0121-212 3333) and 7.30pm 5 June Barbican Hall, London (0171-638 8891)

THEATRE Misfits, Royal Exchange, Manchester

It has all the right ingredients: Gable, Huston, and bickering Arthur and Marilyn. So why is the staging of the 1960 film's traumatic birth so dire, asks Paul Taylor



Lisa Eichhorn as Marilyn Monroe and James Clyde as Montgomery Clift in the misshapen 'Misfits

the craze lately has been for stage versions of films (Les Enfants du Paradis, La Dolce Vita et al.). In Misfits, premiered now in a production by Gregory Hersov at the Royal Exchange, Alex Finlayson goes one step back, creating a play about the making evoked by Lisa Eichborn) tells Miller how she would have writ-

To ambulance-chasers, The Misfits (shot in 1960 and released the following year) is certainly a more interesting proposition off-camera than on, There's Marilyn Monroe "so doped she doesn't know her ass from a day-old doughnut" (in the words of Finlayson's characters) and arriving on set with a lateness that would make Godot seem almost neurorically punctual. There are the protracted death throes of her marriage to the film's author, Arthur Miller, and his bitter power-struggle with her black-garbed method-acting guru. Paula Strasberg, whose idea of constructive advice on the reading of a line went something like "walk through all those little sadnesses rubbing at your ankles, calling your name".

Then there are the co-stars: Clark Gable (whom Monroe once

believed to be her father) and Montgomery Clift, gay and in a state because of a recent disfiguring car accident; a volatile mix, par-ticularly in the haking heat of the Nevada Desert, It's no wonder that the director, John Huston, took to spending his nights at the gamhling tables, knocking back whiskey and losing thousands of dollars, as the film lurched to an eventual 40 days over-schedule.

Could you make a boring play from this material? Only too easily, it seems. Misfits is bitty, unaccumulative, lacks either energy

ten his character, if he could have taken it. The implication is that it can be less selfish to receive and that, in his excessive concern to create the role of Roslyn for her in the movie, Miller neglected her by neglecting to want things from her. The trouble is, though, that the play never sufficiently establishes that this role was constructed as a gift or that, through it, Miller was wishfully trying to make what comes true for the character come true for his wife. This will be even less clear to those who have not seen the film or read Miller's odiously self-serving account of the period in

Finlayson offers remarkably few fresh insights into the problem of being, or being with, Morroe and there are some terrible wallowings in cliché, especially during the scene where the star is joined in a hospital room by her former selves: a frightened little blonde girl and a pre-peroxide Norma Jean who gives her a pep talk: "Grow up. Nohody's your father or your mother. Who needs them? We got the camera." I'm ready for my sick bag, Mr De Mille.

A talented cast of 17 has been assembled for what I'm afraid has more merit as a job creation scheme than as a play.

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CLASSICAL

Evelyn Glennie QEH, London

Wild antics from a woman and her marimba. By Nicholas Williams

volution may have led to the aardvark and the octopus, but it can certainly deny any claim on
Evelyn Glennic's marimba. Standing centre
stage during her South Bank recital on Wednesday, this rare beast with its cluster of metal resonators looked like the piping of a mobile air-conditioning unit, or an exhibit from the Saatchi gallery.

Come to think of it, Glennie's show had little

to do with nature, much with art and artifice. Running and jumping, singing and miming, her antics came close to the Chinese State Circus in style and the Théâtre de Complicité in taste. It's a class act: the lighting, staging and mix of high- and low-brow: were perfectly judged to please. Even her deport-ment, casual yet assured, showed none of the stiffness seen even among seasoned performers.

And yet, for all the hype, her playing, though surely honed by hours of learning and practice, is most astounding in its sense of spontancity and improvised freedom. From the spoken introductions that punctuated the concert, one got the sense that this applied to her pieces as well. For example, to the American composer David Lang's marimba arrangement of John Kay's Born to be Wild she added frog mouthed cowbells and homemade cymbals drilled through with screws, while chapting the words in a graff marze weighter to chanting the words in a gruff mezzo register to make a striking end to the first half. Like the concluding slapstick item, Django Bates's My Dream Kitchen, that's bound to amuse audiences throughout the country as she begins a national tour. There's no lack of challenging new or recent music pieces for percussion that 30 years ago would never have been written and even now would be orphans without the succour of an Evelyn Glennie recital.

One such was the opening number for pitched drums, triangles and cymbals, David Horne's Reaching Out. The idea of the sponsor, BT, that the piece should gradually extend to all the instruments of the ensemble in the way that telecommunications have reached out to the Scottish islands seemed a dubious construct, but no matter; the work's musical logic was enough to justify its place in the programme. Likewise, Glennie's own iCadenza! for a quartet of pitched drums and a variety of stick and hand effects, and Kevin Volans's She Who Sleeps with a Small Blanket were worthy additions to the percussion repertoire.

But the soul of the evening remained that marimba, heard to magical effect in the hushed, tremulous chords of Andrew Thomas's Merlin and in Keiko Abe's whimsically oriental Variations on In Reiko Abe's whith sides of the day of the

donderry Air, that caught the sound to perfection. Evelyn Glennie is at the Grand Theatre, Slackpool, 7.30pm tomorrow (01253 28372), and on tour to 25 May

TELEVISION Murder Most Horrid / BBC2 In which our comedy heroine, Dawn French, tries hard to be just another comedy heroine. And, mercifully, fails. By Jasper Rees

time to settle ... the characters are too husy telling you who they are to let you know what they're like ... should pick up in the second

episode or, even better, the second series. The half-hour comedy drama cannot fall hack on the safety net of deferred assessment, because the characters have to convince you of their comic richness before the curtain comes down for ever. In "Girl Friday", the first story in a new series of Murder Most Horrid, Dawn French was at it immediately, not to mention literally. To the sound of squeaky panting, the camera

Sally is an obsessively efficient secretary to a suave bigwig in construction, and midcoitus she gets the urge to call the office; pulling funny faces, rolling her eyes and her long-suffering partner pulls on his trousers and, undetected, walks out of her life. A wealth of information and entertainment has been impressively squeezed

into no more than a minute of screen time. So French doesn't get to be Beatrice Dalle in Berry Blue and achieve the orgasm which, from what we know of her screen personality, would probably not be a timorous affair. This is a good example of Horpans across the mezzanine of a modest hut rid heroically refusing simply to play to the tusteful loft until it locates the source of the strengths of its star, in this case her sheer

quited crush for her boss, has long liquid lunchbreaks and comes back to the office French can't resist. When she smacks into

you laugh at such a hackneyed stunt. it up quite hadly, but it turns out that her character is only acting drunk. There's quite a fine distinction between acting hammily and playing someone who's hammy as a pretence, but it's probably not something that Horrid spends much time dwelling on.

Read the review of any siteom's first out-ing and the truism is almost always there. Too early to judge it ... hasn't had of her by a lover whose face we never see.

In oise. There on the hed in all her glory is script has given in. At work, Sally toes the either, as there are only so many twists you can coil into a half-hour thriller. The boss (Nigel Havers in full cad mode) knocks out his wife; Sally, the only witness, throttles her as he calls the ambulance, and they dump running through the comic business that the body. She circuitously lands him in French can't resist. When she smacks into to the altar.

> Paul Smith's script has some nice touches. In one scene, she's even doing hamming There's some dialogue in Dutch for French, a reference to afternoon rates at the thinly disguised "Laneshrook" hotel, and French is given a line she was born to deliver but somehow never quite did to Jennifer Saunders. "Tell me I don't look a day over 25 and I'll sit on your knoh all night." To make an offer like that takes real balls.



Mr and Mrs Underact: Nigel Havers and Dawn French



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A reworked revival of Kenneth MacMillan's 1971 floo three-act ballet (an extension of his one-act work for Lynn Seymour) with designs by Bob Crowley and danced by Viviana Durante.

Louise Levene was unamused. "They said it couldn't be done and I'm atraid they were right." "Narratively thin and choreographically padded, agreed the Times. "Triumphant ... a major work of art," heralded the FT. "Shattering ... left the audience applauding and refusing to leave," gasped the independent on Sunday. "The whole evening was a

ANASTASIA

triumph," announced the Sunday Telegraph.

Further performances at the Royal Opera House, London WC2 (0171-304 4000) on 13, 14, 15 (matinée), 17 May.

MacMillan devotees should: attend the matinée to see Sarah Wildor in the title role. At the Playmentot Theatre Royal, London SWY (0171-930-8800). Kendal runs the gamut from

perf to winsome ... but her fans

won't mind. Be warned This is not one of Feydeau's finest

pleasant evening," smiled the Guardian.

MIND MILLIE FOR ME

After the success of An Absolute Turkey, Sir Peter

"Felicity Kendal so determinedly bubbles with mischief, it's a wonder she doesn't do herself one,

observed Paul Taylor. "Never quite achieves that." dissful lift-off," concluded the Telegraph. "No real angulah and no truly desperate cornedy," asserted

the FT. Funny, sometimes very funny, occasionally hilanous, admired the Times. A thoroughly

Hall translates (with Nicki Frei) and directs another Feydeau tarce with Felicity Kendal, Nell Pearson and Nicholas le Prevost with designs by Gerald Scarle.



AS Byatt's first novel since the Books; prize whinings; Possession mixes a straightforward tale of Frederica and her brends in the Sydies, with a pastiche novel that ends up on trial a far tady Chatterley's Loves

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Cliatio & Windus, £16.99.

Signumered and seventien pages of art, longuage, mathematics, pornography and the DBIA of smalls, Byett cannot be accused of lack of ambition.

A fictional account of the Stonewall nots, the birth of the modern leshion and gay movement. The last film by West Pincip, the man behind BBC2's Arena and director of The Lost Language of Cranes.

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STONEWALL

Adam Mars Jones found its energy "positively blithe ... the strengths of the film far outweigh its weaknesses." Lacking that vital spark," said Time Out. "Ninety minutes of studing, flouncing and agit-prop attitudinising," granibled the FT. "Sketing too fast over powerful material... I wish this had been a better memoral, "admitted the Times. "Its heart is nery definitely to the right place," said the Guardian.

98 mins, sert. 15. At Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) and on limited release in Brighton, Edinburgh and Glasgow,

At last, a drag film from a genumely gay perspective. Winner of the London Film British Cigema Festival



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Smouldering behind the lens



Haunted by sexual guilt and self-destructive forces, embarrassed by intellectuals and stunned by beauty, David Lean became a dreamer on an epic scale. Sir David Puttnam (left) reads a definitive and beautifully produced biography of the great British film director

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contrast to the then-dominaot British tradition of dour realism. Increasingly, that roman-ticism expressed itself through a taste for epic grandeur, which ultimately threatened to defeat - even to consume - his remarkable talent. But at the height of his powers, in Lawrence or The Bridge on the River Kwai, be displayed a command of cinematic scale and spectacle which has rarely been surpassed. Little wonder that Steveo Spielberg, who shares Lean's taste for painting on a large canvas, truly, as an American critic once put it, "a poet of the far horizon."

It could be difficult to get close to Lean. He had a habit of abstracting himself from his immediate surroundings and gazing into the middle distance. His conversation was punctuated by pregnant silences. Kay Walsh, his first wife, saw all this as one more sign of Lean's he became more reliant on American mooey, brooding guilt. She described him as "A disso Lean became increasingly distrustful of turbed, split man" and alluded to darkly selfdestructive forces that lay smouldering just

below Lean's fastidiously elegant surface,
He never shone academically. Aged seven, he was told that he might never learn to read or write, and obviously didn't eojoy school-work. For the rest of his life, he would feel uncomfortable in the company of intellectuals. In part, this accounts for his deeply ingrained mistrust of reviewers, whom he looked on as a cetebral aod malevoleot tribe, forever sharpening their knives in readioess for some act of critical savagery,

His parents were Quakers, and this created a legacy of guilt - notably regarding sex which be never really managed to throw off. It was hecause of that guilt, as much as anything, that he worked bis way through six marriages. For Lean was haunted by the idea of impotence, and as soon as be felt his sexultors. ual energies waning, he would be compelled ing that Lean's hackers, had they been asked, to find some new woman to rejuvenate them. may bave seeo things rather differently. After

Cinema started out as a hobby, its excitemeot and eoergy a much-needed antidote to screeowriter Rohert Bolt. the tedious routine of schoolwork. He would

avid Lean was a director entirely enraptured by heauty. Whether it be suburbs hubbling over with enthusiasm about Pip roaming the foggy marshe of the Thames Estuary in Great Expectations or Peter O'Toole as Lawrence of Aramon and the manufacture of Aramon and the manufacture of the state of the wandering the undulting desarts of the state of the state of the wandering the undulting desarts of the state of the wandering the undulting desarts of the state of the wandering the undulting desarts of the wander in the grand time in the state of the wander in the grand time is the state of the wander in the grand time in the grand time is the wander in the grand time in the grand time in the grand time is the grand time in the grand time in the grand time in the grand time is the grand time in the grand time in the grand time is the grand time is the grand time in the grand time is the grand time is the grand time in the grand time in the grand time is the grand time in the grand time is the grand time in the grand time is the grand time in the grand time in the grand time is the grand time in the grand ti sands, Lean's films cootinually conjure up an expressive romanticism that stands in stark unpaid teaboy, he quickly worked his way through the ranks to become one of the industry's most admired editors. Michael Powell, with whom Lean worked oo 49th Par-

His early forays into directing, such as This Happy Breed, Bluhe Spirit and, of course, Brief Encounter, remain satisfying enough. But it was with his two adaptations of Dickens, Great Expectations and Oliver Twist, that he first emerged as a really outstanding direcshould cite him as a major influence. He was tor. Spielherg called him a "visual novelist", and it's easy to see why. Yet, curiously, before he decided to make Great Expectations, Lean hadn't eveo read the book. Cinema became the prism through which he was able to understand and appreciate the literature that had defeated him at school.

As his films became more expensive, and producers. "I think it's time that all of us movie-makers band together to get rid of these crooks, every producer who has ever had his hands in our pockets," he told a somewhat startled audieoce at the Cannes Film Festival in 1988, When I met him to discuss producing Out of Africa, which he wanted to direct, be instaotly launched into a tirade against producers, insisting that be only wanted to work with me because I was "different". But I realised that his dislike was, to all inteots and purposes, generic. I too would have mevitably joined the ranks of those who had "betrayed" him.

His ideal producer was a man like J Arthur But his sexual anxieties also eoergised him creatively. "If, you want to make a good movie," he said, "get yourself a new wonderful woman."

may bave seed things failed things failed the last chapters of Kevin Brownlow's monumental 800-page David Lean - A Biography (Richard Coheo, £25) reveal, be could be incredibly obtained and uncompromising. eveo with long-time collaborators like the



Above: Lean with his second wife, Ann Todd, in the Fifties; top, Peter O'Toole as Lawrence of Arabia in Lean's 1962 masterpiece

Zhivago, Lean was greatly struck by a quote A Passage to India and shortly before his threatess to overwhelm the narrative. But on from Tolstoy: "The more a man devotes himdeath, at the age of 83, he still harboured the the whole the sheer variety of voices, and the from Tolstoy: "The more a man devotes himfrom Tolstoy: "The more a man devotes himself to beauty, the further he moves away from goodoess." But sadly, his reach seemed increasingly to exceed bis grasp, and where he aimed solely for beauty he ended up capturing something more akin to a cloying prettiness. He himself recognised that his romantic impulses might seduce bim into "picturesque falsehood". Certainly that was how most prices viewed Rugg's Daughter, per-

bow most critics viewed Ryan's Daughter, per-

based on the mutiny aboard the Bounty. But the project foundered, destroyed by soaring costs and endless fights with producers. He

ambition of bewing an epic from Nostromo, Joseph Conrad's sprawling oovel of self-coosuming greed and ambition. It was a dream never realised.

Film historian Brownlow, another oational treasure, bas written a mooumental 800page life which parallels bis subject's taste for the epic sweep. Brownlow is the author of of all fuentinable creative ambitioo.

Yet the fire never went out completely. In his seventies, he dreamed of making a film based on the mutiny aboard the Boundary of the Bo some of the most influential and authoritawhich seems certain to become the standard work on the director's life. The book is meticulously researched - so much so that the

way in which Brownlow's own passion for cinema keeps breaking through, makes for an eothralling and panoramic view of the director's life. Quite apart from anything else, this has to be one of the most beautifully produced books published on cinema in recent years. It's packed with wonderful production stills and photographs from Leao's personal collection, all of which are superbly presented.

a biographer who truly does set out to do justice to the strength and depth of an amhition that, for more than seven decades, remained While he was preparing to make Doctor turned instead to a version of E M Forster's wealth of production detail occasionally focussed on the beauty of that "far horizon".

Pretenders at the Palace

From council estate to Cannes, Archway to Absolute Beginners, the Powell-Woolley story is a salutary tale. By Christopher Hawtree

The Egos Have Landed: The Rise and Fall of Palace Pictures by Angus Finney, Heinemann, £16.99

Carcely a publishing season goes by without a breathless account of the crazed collapse of another company which once appeared all-conquering. This time, the money so rashly scattered on the winds is that of Palace Pictures. It is a history which the publishers would have us believe is "all flavoured with a distinctly Eighties nostalgia". Certainly Nik Powell and Steve Woolley made the de rignery oddhall—but effective—

Certainly Nik Powell and Steve Woolley made the de rigueur oddball – but effective – entrepreneurial couple. Powell's education was straddled between his schoolfriend Richard Bransoo's fledgling Virgin outfit and, eveo wilder, Sussex University. Woolley, too bright for the denizens of the Archway council estate on which he was hrought up, but so until adolescent refuse in the darkness. had sought adolescent refuge in the darkness of all those now-vanished repertory cinemas of the Seventies and later clipped tickets as an usher at the Screen on the Green in Isling-ton. Powell's eventual disgruntlement with Virgin, which was to cost him £96m in lost

shares, brought him in closer touch with Woolley, who had risen through such ranks as there were in the world of independent movie theatres. It was a partnership which in an amazingly short time would have them seeking, and

batting around, vast sums of money.

Angus Finney is enthralled by all this, so much so that anybody would think that he is chronicling the making of Citizen Kane rather than The Company of Wolves or what he takes to be the incendiary content of the lumpen Scandal. The old gag of the book's title is wit itself compared with Finney's prose, which has a oumbing, mock-immediate tone. Insuffi-ciently distanced from this pell-mell story, Finney loses track of the fact that cinemagoers never turn up because one particular company is behind a movie.

Such is the nature of the business that innumerable people cross the path of Powell and Woolley, which means that the thumbnail portraits should have been neatly pared if the indeed, so many of them demanded a six-pack

book were to be less of a cuttings-driveo hlur. within easy reach that Adrian Turner was Every so often, such familiar anecdotes as Joanna Whalley's non-nuclity in Scandal are alleviated by a defter vignette, whether it be a drunken debauch at Cannes or the cool professionalism with which Ennio Morricone deliberately damaged a demo tape so that David Leland was obliged to sing him the sort of music needed for The Big Man.

For all this, what is missing from the book is any real sense of cinema. As one looks through the two lists of Palace movies, those distributed by it and those it produced, one realises bow much better the firm was at buying in other companies' work than it was at generating the stuff. On the one hand we have the likes of Blood Simple, Paris Texas and When Harry Met Sally; on the other, there is that clunker Absolute Beginners, which anybody could have seen was a no-no from the start, and movie after movie rooted in television -

understating the case with his celebrated remark that a typical Palace movie comprises fast cars, loud music and blow jobs".

The initial lack of interest here in The Crying Game was surely the right one. After the twist in the plot and Porrest Whittaker's bravura performance, there is nothing in it that requires a large screen. Every so often Finney lambasts Channel 4's failure to invest in one mooted production or other, hut there are times when one must wonder whether its funding of a movie - even the prospect of it - is in fact baleful. That small screen only exacerbates the British inability

to think in terms of a movie proper. The crash of Palace need not vex posterity. It will take products of rather more clout than Backbeat and The Neon Bible for its successor, Scala Productions, to win over backers contemplating a lesson obvious to every reader of The Egos Have Landed except its author.

Also on general release ...

Up in the Air by Derek Jarman (Vintage, £8.99) First collection of the film-maker's scripts includes Akentaten, Neutron and Sod 'Em.

With Nails, Film Diaries of Richard E Grant (Picador, £16.99) Grant's diaries of the 10 years spent in Hollywood after Withnail and I is a winsome collection of starstudded anecdotes (visiting sex shops with Liz Hurley,

escorting Sandra Bernhardt to Madonna's place) and grumpy reflections on not being recognised in obscure airports: "nothing works...my luggage is lost...people look as ugly as Belgians..." Poor boy.

Past Imperfect. History According to the Movies ed Mark C Carnes (Cassell, £20) Relationship between great historical events and their interpretation on film.

A talent for barking orders

The diary of a screenwriting life paints an unlovely portrait of Lindsay Anderson. By Christopher Bray

Going Mad in Hollywood, by David Sherwin, Deutsch, £17.99

and give food and lodging and good advice.
I'd be very good at it." Sherwin - who wrote If..., 0, Lucky Man and Britannia Hospital for Anderson - offers lots of evidence for Anderson's hospitality in this book. But be has little that backs up Anderson's belief in his talents as a counsellor. Anderson didn't offer

advice so much as bark orders. Anderson was fond of saying that authority isn't necessary, yet he never spoke with-out sounding like he was swatting a fly. Any director needs his share of bombast, but Anderson was as dictatorial off-set as he was on. He gave his actors enormous freedoms. In return they worshipped him. They thought he was loosening up their artistry bot really he was just groping at what he wanted. Mal-

hate all the bullshit of film-making," Lind-say Anderson once told David Sherwin.
"What I'd really like to do is set up a hotel
"What I'd really like to do is set up a hotel With its waxily oumb performances and its

switches between colour and monochrome. If... was commonly held to be a Brechtian snook cocked at bourgeois oarrative form. Anderson called the movie an insult to a nation that deserved insulting. In fact, lack of money was behind the changes in film stock, and the feeling that the actors were just cruising was down to weak scripting. Beaky and cawing Anderson was a genius at bringing out the worst in others. David Sherwin seems pleasant enough until he and Anderson meet up. Walking around a seaside town, Anderson spots one cafe selling egg and chips for 65p and one for 75p. Why, he wonders, doesn't everyone go to the cheaper cafe? Because, the two decide, men and women are stupid.

When Malcolm McDowell drones in If ... that "war is the last possible creative act", the movie is in oo doubt he is right. The film only really sparks when it starts killing "stupid" people off. Sherman wrote the movie when he was a teenager, so he has an excuse for this nihilistic posturing. But Anderson was in his mid-forties when he directed If.... It takes a life of rare privilege for a man that age to have a child's brutal naivety.

A cobbled-together diary of Sherwin's life since the early Sixties, Going Mad in Hollywood is a chaotic whorl of memoranda. Its title refers to a period of manic depression Sherwin suffered. Fortunately, there has always been some woman or other oo hand to look after him. Like Anderson, Sherwin is a pre-feminist thinker. Women are there to serve and be serviced. The only character to be given a Brechtian nomenclature in If ... is that sexist cut-out

"The Girl". This book, on the other hand, is studded with incisive cameos. But like Sherwin's movies, it lacks drive. It flits between Hollywood and Britain, but only in the pages dealing with Anderson does it ever blush with life. Even its title is inapposite. "Life with Lindsay Anderson" would have been more accurate, as well as more commercial. But as Sherwin admits, he has no flair for salesmanship.

Aside from John Schlesinger's Sunday, Bloody Sunday, few of Sherwin's scripts have worked on have made the screen. Perhaps that is a good thing. Venom ("Jaws oo dry land") and Jon Voight's Robin Hood (with Bob Dylan down to play Alan A' Dale) hardly sound the stuff on which reputations are made. Yet they show that for all his firebrand anger, Sherwin would easily sell out to Tinseltown's trivia. Lindsay Anderson spent his time insulting the world, hut at least he never insulted himself.



A chronicle of horsemen, blood and firebirds

Stay-at-home provincial Jan Morris is bowled over by the combative, lachrymose, scheming and love-lorn denizens of a city of the mind

St Petersburg: A cultural history by Solomon Volkov, Sinclair-Stevenson, £20

t is perfectly proper that this astonishing book should be reviewed by a writer of traditional English prose whn lives in the bowels of rural Wales, prefers to be in bed by 11 and seldom meets an artist from one literary festival to the next. A mare metropolitan critic might not be quite so astounded by the unending passinn of cultural life in St Petershurg, as presented for us here by an ehullient and affectionate son of the city. A New Yorker, especially, might feel perfectly at home with it all, if only because a stream of prodiginus emigre talent has created a second St Petersburg over there, so that Stravinsky, Balanchine, Prokofiev, Nabokov, Brodsky, Horovitz, Yascha Heifetz, Nathan Milstein, Solnman Volkov and all have come to seem more or less home-grown. But for a bourgeois European provincial like

me, it is all a marvel and everything about the book excited me. Even its translatinn from the original Russian, undertaken by somebody whose first language was evidently not English. sometimes has an exotic tang to it; while the sometimes has an exotic tang to it; while the stnry itself is told with such love and intimate knowledge, is so surging with marvellous characters, and with historical episodes tragic and inspiring, that as I read it over my cocoa nf an evening, it quite took my hreath away.

Such is the way of the Russians, all hlood and firehird. Mr Volkov is describing for us what he likes to call the St Petersburg "mythos" – likes it so much, in fact, that he uses the word several huodred times in the course of the book.

it so much, in fact, that he uses the word several huodred times in the course of the book. This legend Volkov sees fostered by the deliborate isolation of the city, away in the cold northern marshes, by the classical grace of its architecture and by the will of the successive despots who ruled it: but he sees it enacted above all by its writers, dancers, artists and musicians, starting with Pushkin, ending with Akhmatova, and never without a genius in between.

It was Pushkin, with his seminal poem "The

It was Pushkin, with his seminal poem "The Bronze Horseman', who first recognised St Petershurg to be the very epitome of conflict between the State and the individual – Peter the Great had built the place with slave labour, killing at least 100,000 in the process - and down the generations the city's artists endlessly fnught the fight against tsars as against com-missars. What a roster of towering names -Gogol, Dostoyevsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Mussorgsky, Borodin, Rachmaninoff, Blok, Benois, Diaghilev, Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich! What risks they ran, what loves they loved, what thrilling lives they led! What schools and the St Petersburg night. Volkov subtly evokes



Urban mythos: The Nevsky Prospekt in the heyday of St Petersburg, circa 1910

counter-schools they farmed, now as rivals, now as clandestine allies - acmeists and symbolists and maximalists and suprematists, declaiming their poems in the cellar of The Stray Dog, bursting into tears at the ends of symphonies! it makes the heart sing to read about them.

But it could be dangerous and depressing, and often the artistic life was pursued through

the disturbing ambivalences that always linked Art and State in this city, whether as St Petershurg under the tsars, Petersburg under the Bolsheviks or Leningrad under the Stalinists.

The tsars were patrons as well as censors: Nicholas I called Pushkin "the wisest man in Russia". The Communists cynically recognised the power of art: celebrated practitioners painted posters for them, decorated propaganda plates, made films and danced. Many an artist

felt it necessary to co-operate with despotism, if only to give art a chance; many more sacrificed their careers, their liberty and even their lives rather than compromise their integrity.

In the long term, of course, art always wins. in the short term, as Brodsky once told his boorish interrogators, they had all the power of the KGB behind them, he had only "half a room and a typewriter". Nevertheless, through the worst days of Stalin's Great Terror and the Cold

War, the artists of Leningrad somehow managed to keep the flame alive, in texts too subthe for bureaucrats to grasp, in coded historical allusions, in the underground distribution system that was samizdat, and now and then in

gestures of glorious defiance.
In 1948 the officially denounced Fifth Sym-In 1948 the officially denounced Pitth Symphony of Shostakovich was performed in Leningrad to the tumultuous applause of an audience that heard it as a declaration of personal liberty: the conductor Yevgeny Mravinsky, in an impulse that might well have cost him his life resized the score and held it high above. his life, seized the score and held it high above his head in a deliberate cock of the snook at tyranny at all times and in all places, but espeially in St Petershurg.

For the city's intellectuals always thought of

it as St Petersburg or, more often, simply as it as St Petersburg or, more often, simply as "Piter". For them, as this book lovingly demonstrates, it was more than a city, more then a country, but a state of the soul – a mythos! – which impregnated everything they thought and created. They took it with them wherever they went, whether to the Gulags or Manhattan. Pushkin's image of the Bronze Horseman refers to Fitenme Falconet's heroic equestrian statue to Etienne Palconet's heroic equestrian statue of Peter the Great beside the Neva, and this was far more than just a civic icon, like the Eiffel Tower or Sydney Opera House, hut a promise,

Tower or Sydney Opera House, hut a promise, a threat and an enchantment, all in one.

In 1991, another statue of Peter the Great went up in his city, by the emigré sculptor Mihail Chemiakin. It is in a very different kind. Slumped massive hut resigned in a chair, the old despot stares in a glazed way into space, and he seems to he tapping his bony fingers impatiently on the chair-arms. He might be facing his accusers at a war-crimes trial. His head, taken from a deathmask, is eerily small. His expression is at once haughty and defensive. Is this the new emhlem of Mr Volkov's "mythos"? Having survived two protracted

"mythos"? Having survived two protracted despotisms, four changes of name, a revolution, two wars and the most terrible of sieges, St Petersburg now seems to have settled into an all-too-familiar rumour of crime and general squalor, compounded as usual by tourism.
"Where are you galloping, prnud steed",
demanded Pushkin of Falconer's Peter the Great, "And where will you plant your hooves?"
Chemiakin's Peter is clearly going nowhere at all. Could it possibly be that this tremendous city. so stunningly creative down the years, so familiar with genius as with sorrow, will at last learn what it is like to live in uninteresting times?

Audiobooks



Come to Grief The Vicar of Wakefield read by Christopher Robbie

Dick Francis's latest novel Come to Grief (Chivers, 10 hrs 46 minutes, £15.95 only by mail order 01225 335336) takes his former champion jockey turned private investigator Sid Halley into macabre new territory. Tony Britton's versatile reading hrings buttoned-up hero, distraught green wellie hrigade and heavy men in suits into startlingly immediate life. The twists and turns of the plot make it unturnoffahle. Oliver Gnldsmith's The Vicar of Wakefield (Naxos, ahridged, 4 hrs approx, £7.991 is a trugicomic cliff-hanger that pokes fun at aspirations and gullibility hur lauds honest virtues. Christopher Rohhie conveys Dr Primrose's innocent cagerness, his wife's hreathless foolishness and Mr Thornhill's lazy hauteur brilliantly, and makes it easy to understand why this little classic has been in print for two and a half centuries.

Christina Hardymeot

Who's reading whom



Esther Freud has been transfixed by a ripping yarn of plagues, fires and

The story of a courtier in the reign of Charles II didn't sound like my cup of tea at all and I wouldn't have picked it up if a friend hadn't thrust it into my hands in a bookshop. In fact Rose Tremain's Restoration (Sceptre) is sheer genius. Her portrait of Robert Merivel, vulgar, vain, a sycophant with an obsession with beautiful clothes, who falls from the King's favour and undergoes his own "restoration" of the soul, is unputdownable. My boyfriend started reading it and hardly spoke to me for a week.

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Marking the salami

Amanda Mitchison reads some child inspired insights into the Italian psyche

it turns out, found a company

producing a completely child-

pregnancy while the family are

sitting nn the beach at Pescara,

and continues through the

hirth, to playschool - where the

days' bowel movements of each

child, detailing number, con-

sistency etc. are marked on a

board - to the childminder, to

hack at Pescara six years later

when the hirth of a third child

explains, to describe "how it

happens that an Italian

hecomes an Italian," and how

his own children are growing up

foreigners (and speaking a

dialect he cannot fully under-

stand.) And in Italy, which is

such a child-orientated culture,

this also provides an effective

focus for looking at that most

ineffable quality - the national

their hedonism, their intoler-

family relations. His central

capitulates.

An Italian Education by Tim Parks, Secker, £15.99

n 1981 the author Tim Parks. aiming to support a novelwriting habit by teaching English, went to live in Italy and ended up in a village outside Verona, a sort of Mediterranean equivalent of Cricklewood. He married. He had a son. He wrote some wellreceived novels and Italian Neighbours, a very funny book ahout ordinary, humdrum Cricklewood Italy. Then, in the late Eighties, he committed the most momentnus, unthinkable act of fully - something that today no self-respecting upwardly mobile, Italian parent would dream of: he conceived a second child.

Child number twn means that Parks and his Italian wife Rita have to buy a house. Only, what with all the Italian middle class cheating on their taxes, squirrelling it all away in highyield government bonds and therefore being able to huy up apartments for their own chilis imminent. dren, there is nothing to huy in their village. Instead they are forced to huy a flat in a huilding not yet finished.

The day after the second child is born there is a meeting of the new condominium. Parks discovers that most of his neighbours are unhappy with the security precautions. The froot doors to the flats may weigh 200 pounds each and have an armoured steel core, hut what they really need is a communal, remote-controlled self-locking gate with flashing yellow lights

on the top.

Parks balks at the cost of this contraption. He asks if there is really any need... Then, with a flash of inspiration, he suddenly remembers that he has also highly controlling vision of read in the papers, just the other week, of a child being killed when one of these auto-How elever he was setting at loggerheads the Italian obsesthose precious only children. untarmacked roads and women (mysteriously) less spotty.

Months later the neighbours who go shopping in their slip-ryite him to a harbecue. The pers, and Dickensian child invite him to a harbecue. The drudgettes who serve customers subject of the remote controlled in country trattorias. self-locking gates comes up again. The neighbour has now, This contrast is evinced in

extraordinary ways; often it is even seen between generations of the same family. Parks's safe gate with a light-sensitive father-in-law - and I don't think trigger costing only £900 more he is joking - claims to have been brought up in a household than the basic version ... Parks where in the evening the end of the salami was marked with a Such little daily incidents are the stuff of this book which is sequel to the Cricklewood Italy pencil to stop nightime nibbook and almost as funny. This jnurney starts with Rita's announcement of her second

hling.
Usually the Italians sail through the contradictions. A certain instinctive theatricality, a happy acceptance of the difference - enormous difference in Italy's case - hetween rules and reality, between how things are supposed to he and how they really are, helps them.
Only occasionally do they come unstuck. The key dilemma facexpeditions, hobbies and then ing Italians is how to live in a beautiful, spotless flat and yet spoil your child rotten. And, by our mnre rohust The intention is, as Parks

standards, children are spoilt indeed - indulged, coddled, cuddled. Everyone is nice to them. When Parks takes his children round the village, they are fed sweets and chucked under the chin at every street corner. The weather is better. The food is better. They are not forced to eat what they do not like. There is - think of it - no word in Italian for "bedtime." This may all seem a hit cloying By and large he carries it off. He is very funny about Italians' and over-comfortable. At the end of the book one is well and foibles - their hypochondria, truly ready for a bracing walk or a stern matronly voice shouting ance of bad weather, their "Because I say so". But in the obsession with diplomas and long run, it is hard not to conmeaningless hits of paper, their

sexism, their self-sacrificing but clude that having a bappier time must be good for you. It must account for why Italian children are nicer than preoccupation is the extraordi-British kids and less likely to nary balancing act Italian socimatic gates trapped his neck. A ety demands - and receives - take to air guns and chopping horrified silence descends. from its people: the big-car, the heads off the class hamsters. Parks thinks he has clinched it. bright-lights, designer-label, It may also account for why, gadget-ridden and exaggerat- compared with their British edly consumerist world of counterparts, Italian adolessinn with security against that modern Italy and how it welds cents are more confident, more other abscssion, the safety of annto an older peasant reality of settled, more cheerful and

Behind a wall of worship

A new volume of 'irony-free twitterings' enrages Edward Pearce

Journals 1987-1989 by Authory Powell, Heinemann, £20

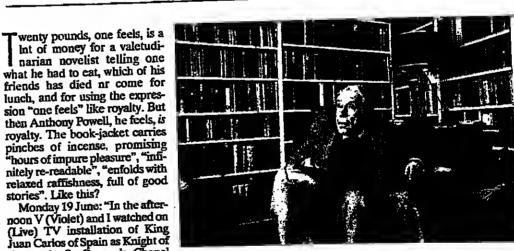
narian novelist telling one what he had to eat, which of his friends has died nr come for lunch, and for using the expression "one feels" like royalty. But then Anthony Powell, he feels, is royalty. The book-jacket carries pinches of incense, promising "hours of impure pleasure", "infi-nitely re-readable", "enfolds with relaxed raffishness, full of good stories". Like this?

Monday 19 June: "In the after-noon V (Violet) and I watched on (Live) TV installation of King Juan Carlos of Spain as Knight of Garter in St George's Chapel Windsor. The weather was stewingly hat, perhaps accounting for Juan Carlos looking rather grumpy. I should have been sorry tn have had to mill about in Garter robes nn such a day, but Frank (Longford) who was present, nearly my twin, as spry as could be."

That entry is perfectly repre-sentative of the broad futility of too much of the journals. Yes it is nice that Powell (in his early eighties when this was written) has a pleasant life in his home in Frome, got an hnoour, and sees his friends. But we are asked to put up with the inconsequential working on the interminable.

There is minor chit-chat with the great, "Antonia asked if she and Harold Pinter could lunch here today after the wedding of Matthew Carr (son of Raymond Carr, Hispanicist don) and Lady Anne Somerset, the Beauforts' daughter. She said lunch bere was one of her baits for Harold to come. I asked if Harold would wear a tailcoat."

being reviewed, problems with a utation. What shine out here are dental plate, fine points of geneal- a steadily nourisbed self-esteem, ogy - would that barony have a comic pride of acquaintance descended in the female line? - and antecedent and a taking seri-16 pages of "congrats on CH", the ously of things not worth taking companionship of honour which seriously: "Journalist Marcus he distinguishes lovingly from vulgar knighthoods. "Ted Heath put forward a knighthood about brought up to think a knight (especially being a knight's lady) ceeded further, as the club was the way Brian Sewell talks.



Anthony Powell: a steadily nourished self-esteem

rather an awful thing to be, even in the services only survived by reason of dnty done." There would be "the problem of getting V called Lady Vinlet' rather than 'Lady Powell' without unduly complicating the issue for unsophisticated people."

One reads this irony-free twit-tering in awe and realises that we are in the presence of Sir Walter Elliot of Kellynch Hall, who found such solace in the Baronetage. It is Sir Walter with wellreasoned judgments on literature, hot implacably Sir Walter.

All diaries are made up of small things - Thomas Turner sbop. Parson Woodforde wolfing cold fowl nr Pepys scoring with the ladies of Westminster Hall. Clearly Powell who, very reasonably, tells us that he could not now write a novel, intends these to join the established diaries.

Perhaps they will, and they There are the hooks read or may do a fearful mjury to his rep-Scriven... rang, asking if I had been a member of The Grid, (a rather stuffy undergraduate club a dozen years ago. I was always at Oxford). I have an idea I once

full of the least amusing Etonians, Wykehamists etc." But little things in diaries can

be eodearing, as Powell truly is when he grieves for Trelawney his nld cat and reproaches himself for letting others take Trelawney "tn the vet to make an end of things". Trelawney has a mnment of heing cherished in death like "le pent Peloton", the little dog of Joachim du Bellay. But when a replacement is bought and as endearingly cherished, Powell spoils everything. The family providing the cat are called (amusingly I suppose) "Snook". So the kitten is to be called "Snook". The ear of the buying supplies for his Sussex creative writer is closed to the odious condescension of this little act. Were he less full of himself, Powell would notice other people. But the book is as full of the esteem of other important or gently-bred people as the court circular ("which I have taken to scanning since my appearance there for my CH audience") is full of morning coats.

It is depressing. Of course there is intelligence and buzz here. The comments on an impressive reading - "with some skipping" hc reads Richardson's Clarissa - are insightful. But he closes himself off behind a wall of warship tessellated from compliments, and by a worked-upon grandeur of put up, but matters never pro- manner which leaves him writing

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Maxwell vs Murdoch the untold story

Stop Press: Archer writes witty book! By Hugo Barnacle

The Fourth Estate by Jeffrey Archer, HarperCollins, £16.99

ike some two-headed mutant uffspring of Citizen Kane, Jeffrey Archer's oew novel offers a thinly disguised account of the lives of Robert Maxwell and Rupert Murdoch, here called Richard Armstroog and Keith Townsend. ike some two-headed mutant he should become a member." ennugh cash to start thing over newspapers. He is a gourmand and a ferocious litigant. (One of Maxwell's sons has attempted to ban the book and failed.)

Australian who inherits and vastly expands his family's newspaper business. He is more a gambler than a crook, though at school he does pinch some of the cricket pavilion fund to bet oo a horse, in a comic foreshadowing of the pension-fund theft that will eventually cause Armstroog's ruin.

There is a rumour in book circles that Archer's manuscripts, as delivered to his publishers, are simply awful, and that the editors should take credit for the finished product. and Heath is opposition leader. On the evidence of The Fourth Townsend instals his new editor, Estate, this is untrue. In a properly makes plans to turn the paper into edited text, we would oot be told a tabloid and prepares to tackle the edited text, we would oot be told that Germany invaded Czechoslovakia in 1939, or that the Allies landed in Normandy on 5 June 1944. 1944, which can't be a simple misprint because the previous day is leads the opposition and is poised given as 4 June. And since the editor win the 1979 election. print because the previous day is tors don't seem to have dooe any work, Archer must be held respoo- so Shakespearian. It exactly replisible for the novel's merits as well cates the famous double time-as its faults. So we can thank him for such observations as: "it was still a Archer as with Shakespeare, these court-martial offence for a British things are oot quite mistakes, and officer to have an overdraft."

nicely turned sentences occur, we should put them down to authorial, not editorial talent. For example:

"Two decisions were made when should put them down to authorial, not editorial talent. For example: dealing with Armstrong this time, "People be had never been able to get an appointment with in the past were inviting him to lunch at they didn't go as far as suggesting wholly unsatisfactory.

in and wonders bow the other side got there ahead of him. "I suspect

they walked," says his lawyer.
In the most sustained humorous an the book and failed.)

Townsend is an Oxford-educated
Justicalian who inherits and profile

an ageing English heiress who has an ageing English herress who has written an abysmal pomographic novel. She agrees to sell him her newspaper shares on condition he publishes the embarrassing bonkbuster. He puts lots of clever get-out clauses in the cootract but she spots them all. No doubt mure could be made of this Wodehousies made. made of this Wodehousian material, but Archer doesn't do too badly.

> than the Sun, a curious thing bap-pens. It is 1968, Wilson is at No.10 ground has changed. Thatcher oow

This would be absurd if it weren't not calculated trickery either, but For the same reason, where any stem from a kind of screndinity or constructive carelessness. It cer-

Keith was 11 which were to shape nation very few cues. But at least in the rest of his life, and both of them the second half, when the dealtive, the pull of the story to some extent makes up for the lack of depth, and although it will frustrate those who enjoy wordplay and cerethe Garrick, even if, having met him, bral exercise, The Fourth Estate is not



The finding was in routh castern for any less always been remote and under reported (writes likely 1996). It has never had the forms of Sarajero or the superpower interest of Chelchrya. He given a Brillian toward, both writer and photographer, Roger Hutchings, were beaten by forkish policemen during their travels; the pictures seem to have been stealthily snatched by forkish policemen during their travels; the pictures seem to have been stealthily snatched from under the measuring forces and mostly ignore the beautiful side of the southand formal furtish opposition of the 12 million Kurds of Torkey, lowether Rugman to the state of the seast. This is a near, comprehensive account of the PKK rebellion, including the often untold story of the fresh furnishand Workers Party (PKK). But he does not spare the future.

Parma violets and fishy nylons

A squalid tale of London preachers has Helen Stevenson clutching the sick bag

know a woman in her seventies who has finally given The Touch by Julie Myerson up reading contemporary literary fiction by women – particularly young ones. She's not norwhimed, nor unfamiliar with or unmoved by suffering. She just says she can't take the nastiness any more. "I don't enjoy it, and I'm sure it doesn't make me a better person."

If this is an attitude that comes with age, then reading The Toylor must have used me by about 50 years. The

ing The Touch must have aged me by about 50 years. The sceoe (contemporary south Loodon) and tooe (sharp as a scalpal, dirty as a used dressing), are set in the first paragraphs: Frank, a squalid, raving and clearly dangerous street preacher lies covered in blood on Clapham Common, waiting to be discovered by a group of Sunday afternoon strollers. Here are the novel's main characters. Two adult sisters - Donna, bright and beautiful but half crippled, and Gayle, a ourse, who, as a single mother, is never without ber three-year-old daughter Kitty; and Donna's boyfriend, the sulky Will, who is hostile towards his sister-in-law and works in advertising. Gayle calls an ambu-lance which takes Frank to the bospital where she works. Later, drawn by his mysteriously knowing Doma's name and his claim to be able to heal her, Gayle and Will start

Picador, £12.99

to visit him in the squalor of his own home.

Donna is desperate for a child. Recently she miscarried: "Will tried to stop her seeing the pale mass which was clearly the foctus - a terrible shadowy human shape oo the wad of lavatory paper - hut she made sure she drank it in, locked the picture in her memory before he flushed it down." Frank lays on hands, and Donna is well again, fit to conceive and bear a child. But she refuses to give thanks to Frank or his God. Gayle and Will acknowledge a debt to Frank, while refuting his garbled religiosities and the repellence of what he is and says.

Often, when you ask people why they didn't like a novel, they say. "Oh, I just didn't warm to any of the characters" - which always seems a little on the critically floppy side. But *The Touch* made you want to take refuge in precisely this kind of reprehensible subjectivism. Take

this portrait of a minor character, for instance, one that made me want to throw my hat up in the air and be sick into it all at unce. "A diabetic from Worksop, Miss F, worked all her life in a chocolate factory—harsh phlegmy breath, cheeks furred and rouged like old cinema seats, Her breath a mix of gases: onions and parma violets. She clings hard as Frank tries to push her off, hitching up her skirt, revealing a tang of fishy nylons and much more."

Myersoo uses words with a kind of redemptive grace which achieves a sublime transfiguration of the hideous-

oess of it all. A boy's skin is "so white you could detect the workings of his body, the schemings of his heart beneath"; she notices the way shattered windscreens leave "pale blue crumbs of glass heaped on the pavement", and comments on the biro mark on a dead boy's thumb, or a watch left ticking in a shoe on the beach. Her sentences are so funny and spare you feel stung and winded after just a few pages. The lyricism is what you'd expect of a songwriter more than of a novelist. The images and observations leave lasting physical impressions on your nerves. Her reputation is terrific, and she completely deserves it. I just think, next time, maybe I'll take it as read.

Paperbacks -

Reviewed by Emma Hagestadt and Christopher Hirst

The Unredeemed Captive by John Demos (Papermac, £10). Set in the milieu of Last of the Mohicans, this vivid narrative history concerns Eunice Williams, aged seven, who was "captivated" by Indians in 1704 during a raid on Detrifield,
Massachusetts. Within two years,
Eunice had forgotten her English and had been assimilated into her new culture, where she lived to the age of 89. The author's subtle decoding of surviving documents brings to life a puritan world as alien to us today as the Indian village where Bunice was forced to live.

The Club: The Jews of Modern Britain by Stephen Brook (Constable, £14.95). One of our most engaging travel writers turns his sights on a target closer to home - indeed Brook is himself a member of this 350,000strong "club". This does not prevent him expressing trenchant opinions about certain members. Sometimes

he seems too severe. After adducing an impressive roster of talent, from Steven Berkoff to Lucian Freud, Brook remarks that Anglo-Jewry has a "mostly undistinguished record in the arts". Outspoken, often funny, few works so encyclopaedic in scope can be as enjoyable to read.

Welter Winchell by Neal Gabler (Papermac, £13). Ex-hoofer WW hit the big time in 1929 by inventing the gossip column for the New York Mirror. Winchell's snappy manic style was ideal for the era. By the late Thirties, two-thirds of the US was reading his tittle-tattle and press agents lived in dread of being put on his DDL (drop dead list). It is a great story for our celeb-obsessed times, with a colourful supporting cast. In the Fifties, Winchell costed up to McCarthy, but be was sunk by television and changing public taste. Only his daughter attended his funeral in 1972.

The Chalice and the Blade by Riane Eisler (Pandora, £9.99). Human society was once characterised by the female life-giving chalice – Eisler particularly cites ancient Crete – but for the past 5,000 years, the male death-dealing blade has ruled. It is oow high time, the author argues, for a return to "gylany", a term she has invested for a "linking of both halves of humanity". Two more volumes of this worthy, cranky stuff are promised – but it left this reader feeling a bit like Bertie Wooster after baving his mind improved by Honoria Glossop.

Jackie by Wayne Koestenbaum (Fourth Estate, £8.99). In the last 15 years Jackie Onassis has appeared in Wayne Koestenbaum's dreams over two dozen times. They shared a Christmas celebration (she gave him a \$25 cheque), sat together at a dinner party hosted by Ronald Reegan (at which she sighed "how pretty!" at the sight of her own



cheque book), and ooce Jackie shouted "Jew-Boy!" loudly in Wayne's direction. In an attempt to liberate his "inner Jackie", Wayne Koestenbaum, Harvard professor, has left oo facet of his obsession with the

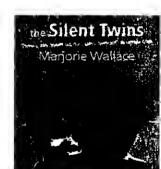
The Weekend by Peter Cameron (Fourth Estate, £5.99). Peter Cameroo's first novel comes packaged in a spiffy little square on bigger than the palm of a hand. Frivolous and diverting in equal measure, it tells the stury of three buddies whose midsummer weekend

Queen of Camelat unturned.

in upstate New York is overshadowed by the anniversary of a friend's death from Aids. Nothing actually happens. apart from a couple of lover's tiffs, but the lifestyle described is so beguilingly Martha Stewart - colunial farmhouses, white sundresses - that the book is shamefully hard to put

The Silent Twins by Marjorie Wallace (Vintage, £7.99). Identical twins Jennifer and June Gibbons were known at school as the "mocking hirds": always moving in unison, refusing to speak to anyone (including members of their own family), and living a life governed omens. Journalist Marjorie Wallace's breathtaking account - first published in 1986 and based un her reading uf the twins' Brontesque diaries, novels and poems - reconstructs the sisters' childhood oo an RAF base in Haverfordwest, and a tormented adulescence which finally resulted in

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Bitterroot Landing by Sheri Reynulds (Women's Press, £6.99). "Mammie" brews the sweetest liquor in the state. Men come from miles around to visit her woodland shack, drink her witchy potions, and get laid; that is until the day Jael whacks "Mammic" over the head with a mallet and kills her. And that's just for starters. Sheri Reynold's strangely compelling, and at times totally baffling, tale uf everyday southern folk is a potent as a glass of hooch nu a but day.

and other stories

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Heroes, heroines and the wildest dreams

In January we asked readers to send us their plans for the expedition of a lifetime and win a share in the Heineken/Independent £25,000 travel bursary. The response was impressively enthusiastic and competition was fierce. Here we publish the successful entries. By Simon Calder

hat happens when you offer the world? As The Independent and Heineken Export discovered, the response is tremendous. Along with the travel publisher Looely Planet and youth specialist STA Travel, we wanted to help some of the wildest dreams of adventure come true - so applicants were invited to apply for bursaries,

 so applicables were invited to apply for bursaries, sending in plans of their proposed trips. The plans the judges found the most impressive were given awards.
 Heineken Export is available in more countries than any other lager – 177 in all. So it was natural that the drink should be behind a scheme to extend travellers' horizons. Thousands of dreamers applied for a share of the £25,000 bursary. Some were for long treks, others for short, sharp shots at the trip of a lifetime.

These were whittled down to a shortlist by the judges –

award-winning travel writer William Dalrymple, Jennifer Cox of Lonely Placet, Kathryn McNamara of Heinekeo Export, Sarah Garland of STA Travel and myself - and the applicants invited to London for interview.

Here, they faced some close questioning about motives and means. The foremost coocern of the judges was that the participants should return safely, so the applicants had to demonstrate that they were properly prepared and had the necessary resources to cope with setbacks. After the interviews, hours of argument took place to decide how most fairly to divide the cash. We hope we have done our bit to extend the frontiers of travel - and look forward to finding out how the adventurers get oo.

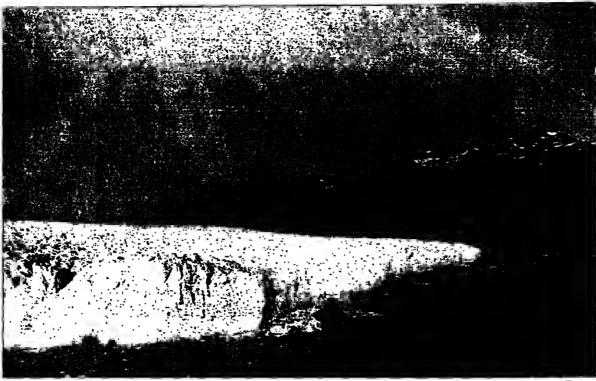
A Short Walk Through India

Rory Spowers, 29, wins £2,500

I intend to carry nothing with me except a toothbrush, a blanket and some mooey. I want to make a pilgrimage oo foot from the southern tip of India to the Himalayas. The 3,000-mile journey will be undertakeo from September and will extend through India's 50th year of independence." Rory, who lives in Loodoo, describes himself as a "chef, writer and film-maker". He plans to spend oo more than £6 per day oo subsistence, staying at villages along the way or at cheap guest houses. William Dalrymple thought the plan spleodid, but queried whether the toothbrush was really necessary. "I find ocen twigs do the job just as well," he said.

Search for the last of the "wild men" of Borneo Mark Eveleigh, 28. £3,300

"I have researched extensively and believe I have located



Retracing Darwin's steps in Patagonia

the last large territory of the mysterious Punan tribe. This is the last resort of the original jungle-dwelling nomads -the wild meo of Borneo - believed by other tribes to be so primitive that they have tails."

Mark is a labourer living in Loodoo. He will travel with Paul Bailey, a photographer, who is distantly related to the famed "white Rajah of Sarawak" – as, hizarrely, is William Dalrymple, ooe of the judges. Mark and Paul's journey will go from east to west across the huge island of Borneo, visiting an ancestral hurial ground in Sarawak before the main part of the trip – a five-week hike through the dense jungle interior of Borneo. As far as the pair know, no foreigner has ever crossed the wild area just south of the Muller range. "We will hire two Punan guides and a hunter, who will help us to supplement our diet of rice.

photo: G Fischer

Joining troubadours in Transylvania Claire Doyle, 32 and Alexander Hopkins, 21. £2,000

"We shall be playing music with, and learning from, the gypsy musicians of Transylvania. We are taking instruments made by ourselves - violin and threestringed viola - and will pick up tunes and techniques by ear. We will travel to remote Hungarian villages, including those visited by Béla Bartók and Zoltáo Kodály at the heginning of the century."

Claire and Alexander live in Loodon and are both musicians and instrument makers. They are not simply planning to turn up and track down a troupe of roving musicians, but have enlisted the help of Iren Kertész, a Hungarian singer. They plan to spend up to two mooths traveling this summer, staying with villagers — which help plan the modest amount of funding required. As evidence of the determination involved, Claire has been learning Hungarian for a year.

A year on the trail of Charles Darwin

Toby Green, 22. £4,400 "I plan to retrace Charles Darwin's route by horse. Although Darwin is famous for travelling by ship, all of Atthough Darwin is tamous for travelling by snip, and of the important research projects undertaken were made on horseback. For this reason, and also for the reason that horses are an accepted method of transport in Patagooia (where I will spend much of my time), the horse is an appropriate and innovative way of following in Demicie Sections."

horse is an appropriate and inhovative way of in Darwin's footsteps."

Like Darwin, Toby is a Cambridge University student: he is about to sit his philosophy finals. He asked for £7,300 to fund his 8,000-mile journey through Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile and Peru. A good horse, he told the judges, costs around £500 in Brazil, and hoth he and his steed should survive on £10 each per day. "In much of the regioo, estancias [ranches] will accept the pressing travellers".

passing travellers".

The judges commended the plan hut felt it demanded too large a slice of the £25,000 cake. Toby said he was confident that he could earn up to £10 an hour teaching English in the region, so he was awarded £4.400-enough to get him to Tierra del Fuego and north to Valparaiso.

Pacific to Altiplano — and back

Christopher Bishop, 31, and Frances Appleyard, 29. £2,000 "We want to travel through the western edge of South America and get entwined in the ancient Inca civilisation and Spanish colonialism." The trip will take them from Lima (where they may encounter Toby Green) to Macchu Pichu, across to La Paz and then north to Quito in Ecuador.

What particularly impressed the judges about this couple from North Shields, Tyne and Wear, was the efforts they had made to secure the oecessary two mooths off. Both work for local authorities, and were required to pass a succession of hureaucratic hurdles to secure unpaid leave for the trip.

Grandfather's footsteps

James Broad, 31. £1,500

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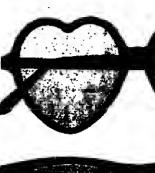
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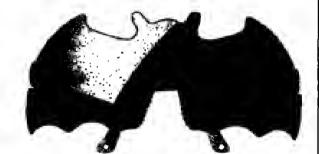
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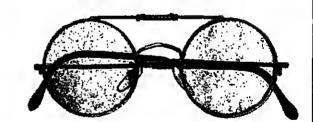


















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350-mile canoe trip down the river that now hears his name. Seventy-one years later, the area through which the river flows is still wild, uninhabited and rarely visited. Referring to his original notes and clarts, I will repeat his journey along the Gammon and Bloody in rivers. Albert

Gammon was my grandfather."

James is a designer living in Glorcestershire. He has already bought a canoe in Canada using an advertisement on the Internet (and a Canadian contact to check it over). A substantial chunk of the cash will he spent on chartering a float-plane to deposit him and his canoe on Red Lake, Ontario. Theo it is downriver all the way to Lake Winnipeg. "This will almost certainly he the first repeat of the route."

A global pilgrimage

Babar Javed, 27. £6,000 "I want to visit the 24 sites of greatest historical, cultural and spiritual significance to nankind. Nobody has yet visited all of the most important sites in the world in a

visited all of the most important sites in the world in a single journey; it will provide aunique insight into the peoples, places and practices of the world.

Bahar, a student from Croyded, does not do things by halves. The panel could have spent a week arguing about his choice of sites (why select Sanarkand hot not St Petershurg, Adam's Peak but not Anaconagua?), hat all were impressed by the degree of planning – and the 10-minute video presentation that accompanied the application. application.

Bahar will be using public transport wherever possible, and plans to stay in private homes, but he expects the trip to cost £16,000. He has already raised £(0,000, so the judges were pleased to provide the necessary funding to get him under way."I will be the first global pilgrim," he promised. The judges' generosity was much only by their collective envy.

In the steps of the inuit

Ruth Patterson, 35, £3,300

"I plan to follow the ancient Eskimo migratiry routes from north-east Alaska, across Canada and ito Greenland. Hopefully, by speoding time withthe Inuit,

I'll also be able to learn about their art and nythology. Ruth is a sculptor living in Bath, and she is larticularly interested in Eskimo sculpture. She will travelbetweeo
July and September - the Arctic summer - an she hopes her time will allow her to learn and develop oey techniques. Little is documented about the mybology of the Inuit and she has not ruled out the idea of pending some of her time collecting stories for a book tobe written on her return.

To gather information for her trip, Ruth used the Internet and, on her arrival in Alaska, she will be meeting up with some of the people who have helped he prepare for her journey.











Dreams coming true. From top to bottom: Alexander Hopkins, Ruth Patterson, Babar layed and James Broad Above right: Limo Noocha Lake, Nape river, Ecnador Right: gipsies in



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Smoked puffin and bananas on ice

Sue Gaisford had a surreal 24 hours in Iceland

easily have been a dream - except for the

We were popping into Reykjavik on our way hack from America. Spring had just happened in Boston and we left the city oo warm, hazy evening. Four hours later, a Keflavik airport, it was sunrise: it felt like the frosty dawn of the earth.

In the thin, hright light the sky was speedwell hlue. The dark land appeared pat, stretching towards snow-capped mountains, but on closer inspection it was lumpy and furry, as if ploughed by a giant at the end of autumn and then forgotten. The cicar air was sharp as grapefruit juice and our previously bedraggled party hrightened to meet it, stepping out towards the hus which was to present us with the glories of Iceland in a day.

First stop: the Blue Grotto. This has more in common with Lourdes than Capri. Near-miracle cures are reported from psoriasis sufferers who have bathed in this warm, round, sulphurous pond, scraping the sediment from the hottom and plastering their skin with it. You can buy tubes of the mud. I did - although I don't have osoriasis you oever know when it might come in handy.

We picked up a guide whose name was Peter, and who know absolutely everything to the edge, to learn that last year a tourist

ntil the photographs came back from the chemist, I wasn't coovinced that I'd been to Iceland. The whole thing could quite imparting information in such a low singsong, soporific voice that you'd want to employ him to read the children to sleep.

Next thing I knew I was staring at a bunch of bananas and wondering if we were in Jamaica. No, it was a greenhouse, heated as is the whole of the country - by hot water building just below the surface. The bananas were ripe and shoulder high, but no little vandals would nick them. In spite of their roistering Viking history, Icelanders are extremely well behaved: in 1994 there were only four muggings, all of them in central Reykjavik, all after 3am.

Impressed, we tottered out, hut reality slipped again at the sight of the well outside. There it sat, alone and steaming like some witchy supply source. It makes sense when you think about it - but there was no time for that.

Back on the hus, another snooze, and there we were oo the fringe of a volcanic crater, filled with blue water. Peter just had time to tell us that volcanoes erupt every five years before we all dropped off again, dimly grasping that it was four and three quarter years since the last explosion here.

We really woke up for Gullfoss waterfall. I'd never seen one so impressive, though a Scot among us muttered loyally that he had, in the Highlands. It was enough to keep us awake as we pottered about, not very close



had fallen over and, sargh, his body had never been found.

The man from IcelandAir must have been dreaming of fish, because he awoke suddenly, his mouth pointing at the roof of the hus. gasping. We all gasped then, for we were at Geisir, the place that gave its name to geysers. On a rocky platform we stood around the edge of a hole full of sloshing water. It looked like the type of hot bath you leap out of quickly. As we watched, the surface gathered and became a huge, hlue bubble and then, suddenly, spouted boiling water 30-feet into the air. Happily there was no wind, or

Reykajavik: extremely well-behaved

several sleepy tourists might have had an unwelcome scalding.

Time for lunch, at the Geisir hotel. Sitting at school-type dinner tables, we relished some salmon and a beer or two before our postprandial nap took us to the top of the world. Here was the place where the first parliament was held, some 700 years ago. It was called the Althing, and it sits at the very spot where the tectonic plates are moving slowly apart. Well, usually slowly. Every hundred years there is another earthquake on this site, which is a continuation of the notorious San Andreas fault. They haven't had one now for 99 and threequarter years. We moved on rapidly.

At some point in the afternoon we were in a shop that sold bright, woolly jumpers. That's where I got the slippers. There are twice as many sheep as people in this country and they don't miss a chance to flog you some knitting,

Then it was evening, though daylight remorselessly continued. Our dinner featured smoked puffin. This is the only country whose national symbol is also their favourite dish. I'm slightly ashamed to say that it was delicious.

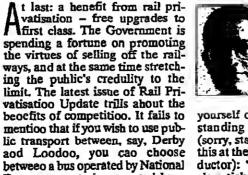
On double overdrive now, some of our party caroused the night away at the Rejkjavik Bar, hut I had had enough. I left such partying - and the trip to a glacier and a ride on the sturdy, hairy little horses - for another time. For now, I'm glad to have the photos, and the cosiest slippers in the world.

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Express or a train operated by... National Express. The rule book that seeks to govern this desperate muddle is the staff on that train you may travel io National Conditions of Carriage. In first class accommodation without case all the Railtrack sell-off advertisements (what? oo trains?) have set you woodering what a train

actually looks like, you will find the useful tip that "the term 'train' includes any road vehicle owned or operated by a train company". Buried amongst all the befuddlement, however, is the promise



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yourself on a train where there is standing room only in second (sorry, standard) class, try quoting this at the guard (sorry, senior conductor): "If you have a standard class ticket and no standard class accommodation is available, with the prior permission of the ticket

extra charge." In other words, wheo second class is full but first class isn't you should demand an upgrade. Drop section 1, part 1, cooditioo 36 (b) ioto your conversation with the ticket inspector. And good luck.

Can anyone offer a foolproof way for rail travellers of free opgrades Uto deal with rogue taxi drivers? It going rate. So where did I go to first class. Next time you find must be possible to devise a system

for avoiding ludicrously high fares. British cabbies are models of rectitude compared with their foreign

Travelling between Venice airport and the oearest rail station, I found myself takeo for a ride in two senses. The taxi had a functiooing meter. The driver knew, however, that the newly arrived traveller had oo knowledge of the intricacies of the charging system. So he switched the tariff to its highest, and loaded oo £4 worth of extras. This was in the middle of the day, in the middle of the week, when charges tend to be at their lowest whether you are in Italy or Isliogtoo. I was travelling alone with minimal luggage

The 10km, 10-minute journey clocked £17. As I clambered out, he pressed a hutton and magically added 10 per cent to the total. Deftly rounding this up to award himself a tip, I was left £20 out of pocket. A colleague later said this was rather more than twice the

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On the ridge above us a frieze of Zulu warnors appeared in full battle dress

By Diana Constance

development has left little of the traditional

chief headache, the Zulus, that we went. They

have had a bad press and are certainly a herce and nationalistic people, but this has enabled

We left the normal tourist routes and crossed the border from Natal at the Tugele bridge, following the line of march of Lord Chelmsford, who invaded Zululand in 1879.

A woman, sitting proudly like an elegant captival in a blue clock with the elaborately.

sentinel in a blue cloak, with the elaborately

beaded headdress of the Zulu matron, marked the boundary. The road then became filled with other women wearing tribal dress who were carrying pots and bundles on their heads to the market. This resembled a car-boot sale,

which are the public transport of black South

Africa. The air was full of the lowing of the

Zulus' fat cattle, along with the pungent smell

of roasting mealics (cars of maize). But we were the chief attraction; there are no husloads

of tourists here.

their unique culture to survive.

outh Africa today is much more than wide beaches and game parks; it is a tonic We were on our way to a Zulu pioneer camp, the geographical location of which we had only for the disillusioned spirit. We wanted to visit the homelands; particularly the Transkei of President Mandela, but the poverty and uncontrolled industrial vaguest idea and since it was getting late we were fearful of not locating our pick-up point. Finally we saw on the crest of a ridge what looked like a posse of fuur cowboys out of a John Wayne film. Our reception committee was Xhosa life and culture. So it was to Mandela's led by Vincent, a gnarled and bearded Zulu, who we later found out had been a grip on the

> The sight of our transport was daunting; a spirited grey stallion and a gentle chestnut mare. "You can ride with the luggage in the bullock cart if you prefer, but horseback will be more comfortable," said Vincent. We found out why, after a one-and-a-half hour ride down the mountain side. Vincent pointed out a particularly rocky descent which they call O My God hill. I asked why and he explained with a grin hill. I asked why and he explained with a grin that the tourists in the hullock cart always cry "O my God" at this place.

As the light faded in the hills we found ourselves part of a cattle drive as a berd of hlackemploying "combies" - the battered mini-vans and-white Nguni cattle streamed out of the thorn thickets for the evening roundup back to

Vincent reined us in for sundowners and brei (or barbecue) in the valley and we crossed a wide sandstone drift in the shallow river. A Zulu woman in a blue toga appeared suddenly out afternoons after a canter up the valley, is a nat-

ics, wine and meat, and in the other hand two ebted brands.

The tracker piled up driftwood and we ate our grilled steak by the firelight and listened to Vincent's tales of his people. A single kerosene lamp lit our way in the darkness as we rode back

across the river towards camp.
Suddenly, from the ridge above us, the flare of torches illuminated a frieze of Zulu warriors in full hattle dress. The noise of drums and asseguis - spears - rattling on shields was deafening. Warriors and boys (all from the local school) threw their torches on dry tinder and leapt through the flames of the fire; hurling their assegais at imaginary prey. Then, with tri-umphal song and the women's ululations, they led us, still mounted, into camp like returning

We spent three days with the Biela people from Shaka's clan. The individual thatched lodges of the camp, which accommodate only s in total, are built into the rocky of the Mfule river gorge. You dine by candle-light beside the river (in fact there is no electricity) and the hot water for our personal rockpool was heated in a wood-fired boiler. The swimming pool, which we enjoyed on warm

teaching us Zulu ways as we visited the clan's kraal - shouting at the entrance to receive permission to enter. The kraal consisted of a circle of very large beehive huts, made of finely woven reeds and grass which are renewed each year. At the centre stood the pride and wealth of the clan, the cattle. A familiar smell drew us to the beer-making but, where one of the chief's wives was straining the fermented by through

a fine-mesh basket. Then Vincent invited us to a coming of age ceremony in a nearby kraal. The young men were home from the gold mines for the boliday. We piled into a pick-up truck and as we bounced over rutted tracks Vincent pointed out a circular thatched but flying two red-and-white engagement flags. "That man is marrying two women," he said.

When we arrived the dancing had already started, the heavy drum beat and young women's chant, made famous by the film Zulu, bounced back from the hills. The male relatives squatted in a long line on the grass while the young women - who were coming of age - danced bare-breasted, wearing only the traditional heavy leather skirts, intended to slow up flighty wives. Anklets, made of tin cans,

rattled as they kicked and stamped out the rhythns, advancing towards the men with assegis which they laid at their feet. The men took up their challenge and advanced with war-like leaps - only to pin dowry money into the

girls hair. We were the only white present and were treated like long-lost friends. The men kept shaing our hands and holding us, saying "Sinunye" again and again, which means "we are together".

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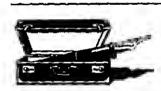
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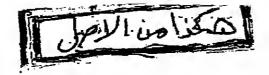
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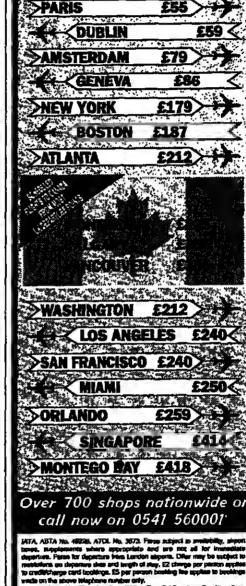
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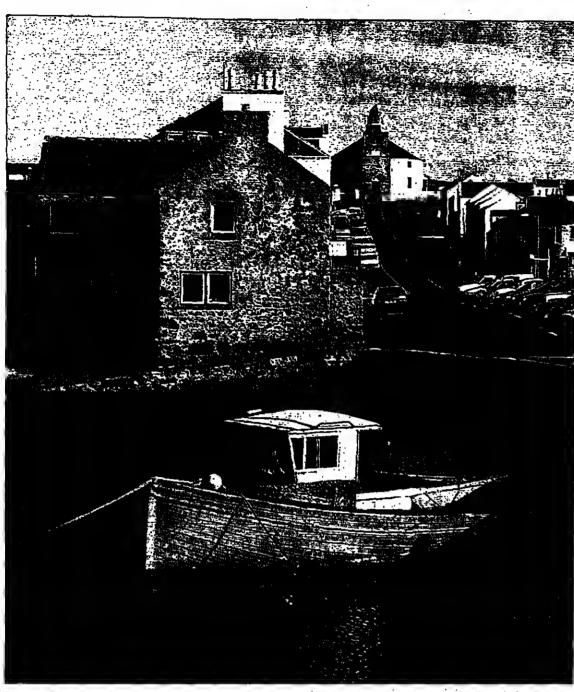
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Island of whisky, wool and wildlife

You name it, they have it on Islay: old-fashioned weaving, golden sands, rare birds and seals that like human voices. By Fiona MacAulay



ccording to the locals they use the fire-engines at Islay airport to check the runway for stray sheep. Be that as it may, land-ing at Glenegedale by plane is a totally different experience to our normal understanding of modern air travel. There is no queuing or security. nor are there announcements over the tannoy at this tiny island airport - and the firemeo unload the haggage by

Islay was briefly in the headlines two years ago wheo Prince Charles crash-landed his plane during a royal visit. It is an enchanting place. The most southerly link in the Hebridean chaio of islands, it has a climate much milder than that of most of the nurthern regioo, due to its positioo in the Gulf Stream. Historically it has been better cared for than most of the island communities and as a result is less barreo and has areas of lush and productive

The administrative capital is Bowmore. It is a fine looking town oo Loch Indaal and one of the earliest to be built on a grid system. It is dominated by an 18th-century round church (so the devil can't hide in the corners) and the pagoda towers of Bowmore distillery. The prettiest villages on Islay, though, are on the Rhinns, the western arm of the island. Portnahaven and Port Wernyss cluster around a sheltered harbour protected by the tiny island of Orsay. In the interests of ecocomy these two villages share a church, but

each has its own path and eotrance. Port Charlotte, further north, has two excelleot museums; The Islay Field Centre and The Museum of Islay Life. Here some intriguing objects are nn dis-play – an illegal whisky still and the shoes worn by the horses that "mowed" the lawn at Islay Hnuse, the principal mansioo on the island. Port Ellen, on the east side of the island, is a picturesque port built by the laird of Islay - Walter Frederick of Shawfield - at the beginning of the 19th century and oamed after his wife.

For those wanting to go shopping, Tormisdale Croft between Port Char-Intte and Portnahaven has hand-knitted woollens. It is nne of the few places in Scotland where you can still see traditinnal spinning and naturally dyed wool (nettle, meadowsweet and thistle are just some of the plants used for dyes). The Islay Woolleo Mill near Bridgend makes tweed regarded as amnng the

Six of the best things to do around Islay

Catch the ferry to Colonsay (Wednesday only, 10 April - 9 October). Here you can explore Kiloran Bay and the gardens Make a pilgrimage to George Orwell's

house in Jura (Regular terries to Jura from Port Askaig throughout the day) While you're there, visit the gardens of Jura House where there's an excellent shoreline walk with views over to Islay. The Jura Fell Race (up and down the three Paps of Jura) takes place on 25

Play a round of golf at Islay's Machria 18-hole golf course. Go pony trekking from Rockside Farm, Bruichladdich - riding on the beach at Machir Bay and on the cliff tops above Kilchoman.

Explore the sea from the Islay Dive Centre at Port Ellen.
Visit the Islay Festival this year which takes place from 24 May to June 8 (01496 302413 for more details).

best io the country. The cloth for Brave-heart and Rob Roy and a clutch of other Hollywood movies was made there on two Victorian looms.

Beachcomhers will be in their elemeot oo Islay and should go equipped with an Ordnance Survey map which marks all the sandy shorelines. The beaches have pale goldeo sand and are almost deserted. The Big Strand at Laggao Bay is seven miles long and is not to be confused with The Strand at the top of Loch Indaal, the preferred baunt of the locals. At Claggain Bay the beach has pebbles io the most beautiful colours. Kilchoman beach at Machin Bay has spectacular raised heaches and Tayovullin oo the western shore of Locb Gruinart is known for its duoes. It is also a favourite spot for seals which are said to be attracted in shore by the sound of voices, particularly the high-pitched chatter of children.

There's pleoty mare wildlife - with over 200 species of birds, the rare corncrake and chough in particular. Islay is the wintering ground for two thirds of the world population of Greenland Barnacle geese and a third of the Greeoland White-frooted geese. In previnus years they have caused much anxiety and loss of income to farmers by eating the shoots of young grass. However, a goose subsidy bas now beeo introduced in compensate farmers for

their losses. This occessitates the employment of two full time "goosecounters" during the wioter as the sub-sidy is calculated per goose.

If the living don't appeal, try the dead. Among a wealth of archaeologi-cal sites oo the islaod, Finlaggan is the most significant. It was the headquarters of the Macdonald Lords of the Isles, who ruled the north-western seaboard until they were forced to forfeit their lands and titles to James IV of Scotland in 1493. There is a small visitor's centre and in the summer an archaeological team from the Nauonal Museums of Scotland may be found working on the site. There are the Iron Age first of Dun Nosehridge and Duo Choisprig to be explored and standing stones from the Bronze Age, of which the 16ft monolith at Ballinby is the finest example. The Vikings chlonised Islay, followed by the Norse and there are still traces of their deserted farms and villages etched on the landscape. But it was the early Christians who left the finest legacy in the form of several exquisitely carved stone crosses. The High Cross of Kildalton, dating from ahout AD800, is the best known hut the Kilchoman cross from ahout AD1400 is also worth seeiog.

Last but oot least, oo visit to Islay would be complete without a comprehensive study of the Islay malt whiskies Lagavulin, Bunnahahhain, Laphroaig, Bowmore and Caol Ua. Learn to pronounce them before you try them ... Guided tours can be arranged to all the distilleries - Bowmore's is probably the slickest as they have set up a smart visitnrs centre and shop, but you might pre-fer something a little less polished.

How to get there

Vou can reach Islay on the Caledonian MacBayne ferry from Kennacraig. There is also a daily flight oo British Airways (0345 222111) from Glasgow and nearby islands.

Who to ask

The Scottish Tourist Boad is at 17 Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5BL (0171-930 8661). They sell an unlimited travel ticket for railway journeys to and within Scotland. Or try the Tourist Informatinn Ceotre, 3 Princes Street, Edinburgh EH2 2QP (0131-557 1700). The Islay Tourist Board is an 01496 810 254.

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Where Richard II came to a sticky end

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The town where a king was killed became a great place for growing figuorice. By Theresa Allen

f you are a lover of liquorice theo Pontefract is oot just a last resort, it is the only resort. History has been less than kind to Pontefract. Shakespeare cruelly immortalised the town as "Bloody Pomfret" because of the death at Pontefract Castle (in mysterious circumstances) of Richard II. The 11th-century castle, an architec-tural miracle of its time, was where Richard was imprisoned. It was almost completely razed to the ground at the end of the Civil War, as punishment for Pootcfract being the last royalist hase to hold out against Cromwell's Parliament, despite being under seige three times. Happily, and perhaps ironically, Pontefract is now a good stopping off point for what the local museum curator describes as "Yorkshire castle hoppers".

Shortly after the end of the Civil War, liquorice bush, particularly hard to cultivate in this country, started to bloom in the castle ruins, due apparently to the suitability of the loam. An enterprising local devised a recipe incorcorating treacle and liquorice stem to secret parliame reate the famous Pootefract cake. This is not, as a bakery in the centre nf Pootefract explains with weary



cular confectionery defiantly stamped with the insignia of the rebel coins made at Pontefract Castle during the

The liquorice industry hoomed and by the beginning of this century there were 26 manufacturers in the town, many with lively imaginations. An exhibition in the local History Museum displays some unexpected liquinice artefacts, including a giant ornameotal teapot made eotirely from luminous shades of the sticky stuff. In 1874, memories of the Sieges of Pontefract were perhaps still sufficiently fresh for the town to seal down its ballnt box in the first ever secret parliamentary election with -

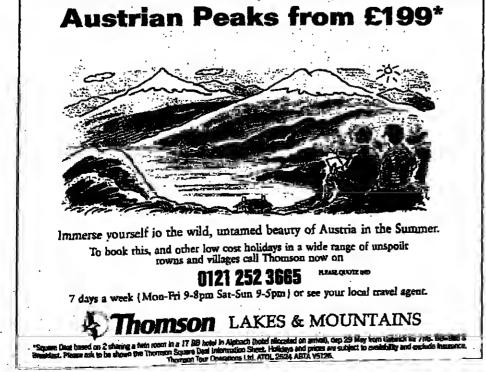
Alighting at Tanshelf, one of Pontefract's three railway stations, the nationce, a cake at all. It is a small, cir- odour of liquorice is still ummistakable.

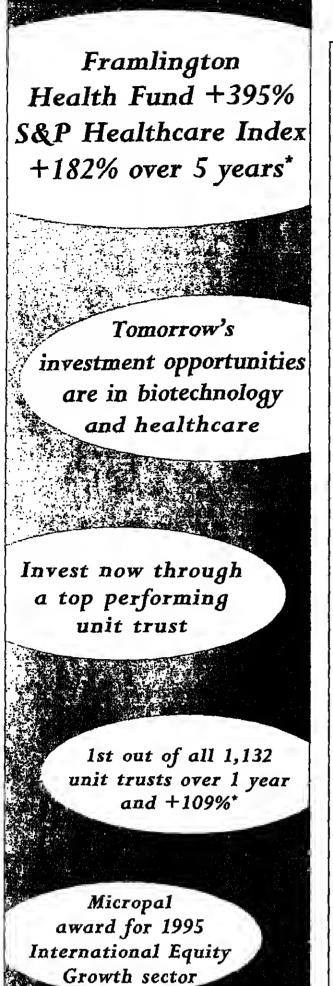
Yet commercial cultivation of liquorice m Pontefract ceased in 1966, and the stuff is now imported from France where it is cheaper and easier to grow.

An import from abroad - the European Development Fund to be exact - has recently reopened Tanshelf station, which was closed for 30 years, and bas improved the other two stations. But, according to a local taxi driver, all three of them are a little too far from the ruins of the castle, the pleasant pedestrianised town centre (which has retained its medieval street oames and is about to be re-paved, courtesy of the National Lottery), and the racecourse, to benefit many except

those in his line of work. Most visitors come to see the castle ruins and leave only a little wiser about the liquorice past. Now, rather than allow the memnry of liquoricegrowing industry to he forgotten, the tourist authority this year is promot-ing a Liquorice Itail around the town. This visits the fields where liquorice was once grown, as well as two disused liquorice factories. And the Camra award-winning Tap and Spittle pub in the town ceotre still occasionally serves liquorice beer. After all, it takes all sorts to make a resort.







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Partners in care

The Government is on the verge of introducing a new regime for long-term care. Clifford German reports

he Government's plans for and perhaps less costly to the partnership to preveot Government. partnership to preveot term care from having to sell their homes to pay the hills, provided they have taken out a measure of insurance to cover the initial costs, could take effect within 12 months if the

proposals win all-party support.
The Green Paper was published last Tuesday and the Government has set a deadline of 14 June for detailed comments from interested parties. Detailed proposals could be ready for publi-cation in the November Budget

cation in the November Budget and could be effective from the start of the next financial year.

But there are still loose ends to tie up, and Help the Aged still thinks it will fail older people who are oot eligible for automatic state support but cannot afford the premiums to pay for the insurance in the first place.

The Government has proposed two alternative forms of partnership, one that would guarantee to

ship, one that would guarantee to exempt £1.50 worth of assets. including the family home, from means-testing for every £1 worth of insurance the individual has

hought.
It would mean in effect that anyooe who needs residential or oursing care and has hought, say, £40,000 worth of benefit from an insurance company would be able to keep assets worth £60,000, plus the existing £16,000 allowance, and still qualify for state support when the benefit has been used up

been used up.

An alternative proposal would protect only £1 of assets for each £1 insured beoefit, but would increase the threshold by a further £15,000, which some industry sources argue would be more favourable to wealthier people,

Cootrary to some initial fears it is claimed that the plans would not be prohibitively expensive for wealthier people. The average cost of residential care is currently around £15,000 a year in the North of England, rising to more than £20,000 in the South-east, with an additional £5,000 for

But this is within the reach of many people oo substantial peosions, who can expect to pay for care out of income without having 10 run down capital or sell the homes they hope to pass oo to their children.

Many others can obtain a limited amount of extra cover indefinitely by taking out existing long-term care policies issued by industry stalwarts like Commer-cial Union, PPP Lifetime and

Bupa.
These providers have already undertaken that existing policyholders will not be disadvantaged by the introduction of partnership policies, but the geoeral view i that relatively few policy-holders would want or oeed to switch to new-style policy.

targeted mainly at middle-class families that do not currently qualify for state support because they have assets in excess of £16,000, but cannot afford the premiums to buy insurance, and are therefore forced eventually to sell their homes to pay for con-tinued care, An estimated 40,000 homes have to be sold each year since the Government forced local authorities to start charging local residents for care three

years ago.

But the average lump-sum payment to buy £15,000 a year of



year-old mao in good health is £10,000 or perhaps £75 a month until the care is needed. For a woman the costs could be 50 per

It is possible to buy insurance up to the age of 85 but rates rise with age and individuals must still be in good general health to

qualify.

Partnership plans could reduce premiums by a third, but lobby groups describe the proposals as a tax oo the elderly, and too little too late for those already in poor health

Commercial Union, however, points out that many people only oeed to buy a top-up to secure prospective pensioners are

long-term care insurance for a 65- their assets, older people should still be able to raise the capital to pay for insurance by taking out a Home Income Plan to release part of the equity from their nomes, while in their own interests families ought to be willing to help pay the cost of premiums for elderly parents in order to help

> nheriting something substantial. The Government also proposes to allow individuals to forgo some of their pensioo early in retiremeot in order to pay premioms for long-term care should it be oecessary, but the National Association of Pension Funds is con-

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already facing retirement on marginal or inadequate incomes, and should not be encouraged to deplete their incomes further.

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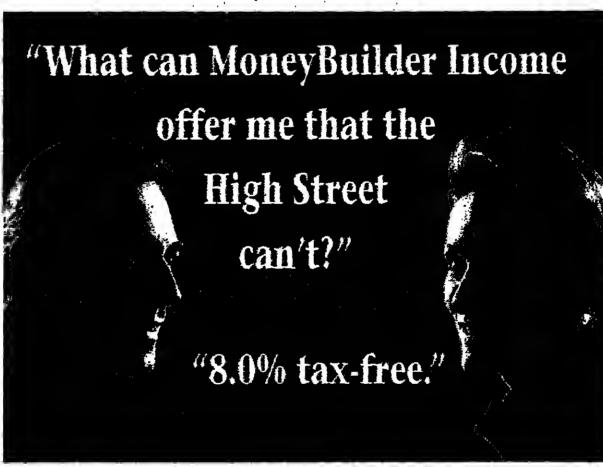
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issues that still remain to be resolved include the extent to which the Government will be some of the tests for continuing to live at home, but are reluctant to leave home if they can receive home help.

Another is the minimum and

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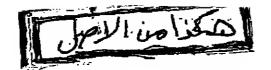
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niff the air in the City these days and it doesn't take a genius to sense that the prospect of a Labour government is beginning to enter in earnest into investors' calculations. A week is ao even longer time in the City than in polices, but with the next general election now a year at most away, the probability that Tony Blair will be the next occupant of Downing Street is for the first time clearly being discounted seri-

The diminishing scope for tax cuts looks a critical final nail in the Major government's coffin. NatWest's leaked advice to its private clients to avoid the Railtrack privatisation issue is one interesting straw in the wind. The bank's warning that the regulatory and politi-cal risk is higher in this issue than in previous privatisations is, I suspect, no more than a roundabout way of saying that it expects Labour to win the next election.

is the widespread feeling in the boardrooms of Britain's hig companies that the window for completing hids and trend will accelerate if the current

deals before the election is rapidly drawing to a close, despite the corporate financiers' frantic efforts to sustain the momentum of bids. Indeed, the Government's seemingly political decision to block the power generators' bids for regional electricity connpanies suggests that the "anything goes" days of the last few years may already be over.

Already we are seeing the first fruits of the inevitable "What will a Labour government mean?" type of research emerging from brokers and tax advisers. And there is also a discernible shift in the City's attitude towards Labour policy. Polite hut studied indifference is giving way to a recognition that now it really is time to start ploughing through the minutiae of policy documeots for clues as to what may happeo if - or, more probably, when - the Gov-

ernment changes.
This tide of gathering concern is Another sign of the changing climate consisteot with the view that the stock market at least is likely to he relatively weak in the second half of the year. The



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downward trend nn Wall Street - five straight down days in a row up to last Wednesday - is indeed the first sign of the significant market correction on the other side of the Atlantic that so many

have been and cipating for so long.

What might a Labour victory mean for the markets? I have been chewing over the outlook in this new climate with Stephen Lewis, for many years a strate-gist with the brokers Phillips & Drew,

Londoo Bond Broking Company, a boutique research firm he helped to set up after Big Bang. His feeling is that a Labour victory may well be more serious for the stock market than it is for gilts, although neither market clearly is likely to be affected as dramatically as they were the last time Labour took power, in the dark days of the 1970s. A Labour government of the traditional big-spending, inflationary sort would be expected in shy investors out of gilts and into equities. But that recipe looks too pat this time around. Rather, assuming that Labour procouncements can be trusted, we have the prospect of a new government pursuing a right fiscal policy to meet the Maastricht criteria and also pursuing a stable exchange rate policy of some sort. Companies meanwhile will be wrestling with the impact of the Social Chapter and a generally more restrained operating environment. which will serve to put a cap on poten-

Oal profits and dividend growth.

and now the markets-watcher at the inflationary pressures, that should guard ernments trying to achieve modest against gilts again becoming the wealthdestruction machine they were last time round. (Anyone who bought gilts a year before the Labour victory in 1974 would have seen their investment fall by nearly 40 per cent in real terms over the next six years. Likewise, anyone who bought gilts the year before Labour's 1964 vic-tory would have lost 20 per cent of their investment by 1970). In fact, Lewis coocludes, with inflation at under 3 per cent and yields on medium-term issues above 8 per cent, gilts do not look bad value for the risk involved (though he reckons that Canadian and German boods, with real yields of 6 per ceot and 5 per cent respecively, look better bets still. He also likes US bonds).

And that, anyway, is how it may well appear to US investors, who - Lewis predicts - will be the first out of their traps to huy gilts if a Blair victory is confirmed in the election. From a US perspective, a Labour victory will seem to fit the pattern visible elsewhere in Against a background of still-subdued Europe of ceotre and centre-left gov-

social objectives within a framework of restrictive fiscal policies.

It is, says Lewis, one of the paradoxes of the modern internacional investment arena that foreign investors are often the ones who see the dynamics of a market more clearly than their domestic counterparts. It is American investors who tend to get cleaned out in the Treasuries market and who get carried away with the excitement of a strong run on Wall Street. Even the Germans are often hlinded by their faith in the strength of the mark. So it may prove to be with the election.

Politics inevitably involves emotions, and there is no doubt that there is still a residual fear in many quarters of the City about what a Labour government might mean. But this time around, there are geouine grounds for thinking that the transition will be less painful for investors than it has been in the past, even if it will take time for the Labour Party's iotentions towards Railtrack to



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But most of the 500,000 unwanted policies each year are still surrendered to the insurance companies that issued them, according to ED's managing director, Julian Knopf.

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Thow much pension investors can huy with a fixed sum of money, have been rising since the start of the year and made a further jump in the last week as a result of the Government's poor performance in the local elections.

Generali, Standard Life and annuity they pay for a fixed sum by between 2 per cent and 5 per ceot in the last two weeks and rales are back to their highest levels since last July.

Peter Quinton, managing director of the Annuity Bureau, says anyone considering whether to cash their investments and huy an annuity now has to consider the possibility that the stock market might fall, reducing the capital they have available, but annuity rates might cootinue to rise if they

Darclays Bank has laonched a Doew "silver service" current account with extras including a arrangement fee is £295 and the

bank says it is based on exten- interest within the first five sive research into what customers really want from a current account.

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Cubsidence claims are set to Usoar by at least 50 per cent this year, and oot even a wet summer can stop the trend, according to the Chartered Institute of Loss Adjusters.

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But some loss adjusters claim that the institute is being alarmist and Guardian Direct claims to be able to reduce premiums for many bomeowners in areas considered to be at high risk of subsideoce by using more detailed information based on the Geological Survey, to assess true risks.

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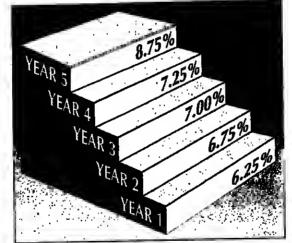


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will be increasingly vulnerable to the election of a Labour government that is determined to hold down rail

By all the classic definitions, Rail- fares. track shares are suspiciously cheap. On any other share it would mean

pplications for Railtrack shares idend is likely to be cut. But in this have to be in by noon next case it does look as if the shares are Wednesday. The minimum being offered to up to two million members of a trusting public on members of a trusting public on whose votes the Government will hope to rely at election time within the next 12 months.

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ary and a final dividend in October

That should ensure guaranteed appreciation in the share price when dealings begin on 20 May. There is no guarantee that the price of the shares will not fall once the unsatisfied demand from institutions has been satisfied, but the extra dividend provides a cushion on the price, and an incentive for investors not to sell their allocation as soon as trading begins. The Railtrack shares will certainly fall when they go ex dividend in the autumn, however, and thereafter they

Buy now, hut watch for the best time to take a profit is the best advice that the City thinks the company's to would-be Railtrack investors next growth prospects are zero and the diverge.





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How low-risk can you get?

By Abigail Montrose

here are few things as attractive in the financial services as the word "guarantee". Its pulling power caonot he underestimated, as investors scour the market in search of high returns with little, if any, risk to their capital. But a closer look at what is actually being guaranteed ofteo reveals a less attractive picture.

return over the life of the investment, usually five years. It is possible to huy guaranteed-growth bonds, which usually mean the income is rolled up into a single payment when the investment matures. And it is possihle to get a guaranteed return linked to a stock market return. But

inevitably you cannot have all three. Guaranteed-income bonds (GIBs) issued by insurance companies are one of the few products to provide a set income without risk to your capital. You invest a lump sum for a fixed period of time, typically between one and 10 years, and in return you receive a fixed level of income over that period.

At the end of the term you get your mooey back in full, but you will not be protected against inflation or increases in interest rates, which usually accompany higher inflation rates.

GIBs are offered by a small band of insurance companies, including Abbey Life, AIG (also known as Alico), Black Horse, Consolidated Life (aka Financial Assurance), GAN Life, Generali, Pinnacle Assuraoce and Premium Life. Most of the hig life companies do not offer GIBs hecause of their internal tax positions.

Investors have to decide how much they want to invest and for how long, and how often they want income, such as monthly or annually. You theo need to look at what rates are on offer for your requirements and choose the best rate available. The best rates are offered oo large amounts invested for longer periods of time on GIBs.

Once you see a rate of interest you are happy with you cannot afford to hang around, as rates can change overnight. Always check that the rate is still available before investing. year, higher-rate taxpayers need to

GIBs provide the security of knowing exactly how much income you are find out whether they will have to pay going to get, when you are going to any additional tax.

get it and for what period of time. The interest rate you lock into is allimportant as you cannot renegotiate the rate once you've signed up and there are stiff penalties for early withdrawals, if indeed you are allowed to

withdraw your money early at all. GIB rates are based on current interest rates, so with many economists now predicting interest rate rises For one thing, it is crucial to know exactly what is being guaranteed. It is possible to buy guaranteed-income boods, which offer a fixed rate of book into GIB rates oow as they may be considerably more attractive m six or 12 mooths' time.

Many independent financial advisers are advising clients not to invest in a GIB for too long a period while the outlook for interest rates is this uncertain.

"Beyood three years, people need to be wary of long-term bonds. But with a lot of huilding societies offering such poor rates, GIBs at least offer a hetter return than the societies over three years," says Brian Denneby, managing director of the IFA firm Denneby, Weller & Co.

Graham Hooper, investment director of the independent adviser Chase De Vere, agrees but helieves there are a few bonds offering particularly good rates at present that could tempt investors to tie up their money for longer

"You need to be selective about the rate you want. There are a few good products available at the moment. Over five years yoo should be looking for 7 per cent a year," he

says.
The best GIB rates currently available range between 4 per cent on a lump-sum investment for £1,000 for one year, and 7.15 per cent for a minimum investment of £10,000 over five-and-a-half years.

The rates quoted for GIBs are net rates as the insurance company has already paid the tax, so there is no basic rate tax to be paid by the policyholder. This makes GIBs an attractive option for basic-rate taxpayers.

But they are oot suitable for 20 per

cent taxpayers or non-taxpayers as the tax already paid by the insurance company is oot reclaimable by the investor. If a GIB is paying an income of more than 5 per cent a check with the insurance company to

The safe side of the street

For the risk-averse investor, guaranteed-growth bonds look good. Simon Read reports

nvestors seeking capital growth as opposed to income are often drawn to the limited-issue "guaranteedgrowth bonds" offered by a number of insurance companies. Guaranteed-growth bonds pay no income, and like guaranteed-income bonds they do not protect you against inflation or rising interest rates, but they do guarantee the return of your original capital, plus a fixed rate of growth paid out when the bond matures.

Insurance companies that have issued such boods in receot months include Black Horse Life, Eurolife, Hamilton Life, NatWest Life, Pinnacle Insurance, Reliance Mutual and Zurich Life. The minimum investment is typically around £5,000. The boods are generally issued by the newer or smaller insurance companies, but investors' cash is protected by the Policyholders' Protection Act, which guarantees a 90 per cent payout in the event of the nsurance company failing.

Returns are all paid oet of basic-rate tax, which makes the projected growth look even more attractive. However, non-taxpayers cannot reclaim the tax and higher-rate taxpayers have to stump up the difference between basicrate tax and their own tax rate.

These variations oo the "guaranteed" theme are lump-sum investments, and so are not suitable for regular savers, and generally offer fixed returns over a set period - usually five

Guaranteed-growth boods have proven extremely popular with many investors not prepared to take risks with their cash. There has been a treod towards the long-term assurance of growth, as opposed to the roller-coaster rise that is offered by direct investment in the stock market, and guaranteedgrowth boods currently offer better rates of return than many savings vehicles that carry a similar degree of security, such as building society accounts.

For seriously risk-averse investors it is worth ooting that many of the guaranteed-income bonds offered by the life companies are in effect growth bonds - in that they offer the option of hav-ing the income reinvested to produce guaranteed gains. Johnson Fry's Income Boous Bond is a typical exam-



The Tokyo stock market: Tipped as a star performer for growth bonds

cial Assurance Company, it gives an averse," said Paul Stott of NatWest annual return of 8 per cent or an accumulated return of \$5 per cent over five and a half years. It is available until 17 May, but Johnson Fry says it will be launching a new bond from 26 June.

Also coming up is a new bond from Eurolife, which is expected to be similar to its recent 60 per cent growth bond over five years. Independent financial advisers will be able to keep investors informed of further upcoming issues in the bond world.

The main drawbacks with these bonds is their inflexibility. Geoerally, you will forfeit any of the guarantees offered by the bonds if you are forced to cash them in early. That means you must be prepared to sit out the full length of the bond's term to get the benefits.

Locking in at the wroog fixed rate could also be a mistake if rates subsquently rise, leaving your return looking paltry. Despite that, the boods issued this year have proven to be very popular.
"Guaranteed or low-risk investments

are of interest to the majority of our ple. Offered in conjunction with Finan- customers, who are generally risk-

Life. They are of most interest to those people who want to invest capital for a specific term in a low-risk environment such as those who are just approaching retirement and who, at the eod of the term, plan to draw an income from their cash when they subsequently reinvest it into, say, an income bond or a corporate bood

Guaranteed-growth boods that offer a fixed gain at maturity should not he confused with guaranteed-growth bonds linked to the performance of the stock market. These offer investors the guarantee of their capital back, plus a percentage of growth according to how much the stock market has risen. However, if the stock market falls, there will he oo growth, just the return of the original capital.

GA Life's Guaranteed Security Portfolio is a typical stock market-linked guaranteed growth bond. Three-quarters of the fund is invested in equities, with the remaining 25 per cent in fixed-interest investments such as gilts. "It's aimed at people who want to get into the stock market but who doo't

want to lose their shirts," said Ian Harper of GA Life. "The safety net means that investors never get less than their money back as long as they invest for five years.

Buyers of these products should gote that it is your capital that is 'guaranteed", oot the growth!

One aspect of equity investment that holders of these bonds miss out on are the dividends paid by many stocks but, then again, the bolders are not risking their money (unlike those in income bonds lioked to stock market performance).

Another potential drawback is the fact that many of these "growth" bonds only pay out a percentage of any growth in the stock market, in effect putting a cap on

how much money investors can have.
For instance, Black Horse Life's Premier Bood, which is available to new investors until 16 May, offers the greater of either 125 per cent of the original investment or 60 per cent of any growth in the FT-SE 100 Index over the six-year term of the bond. Nat West Life's Guaraotced Growth Plus Bond offers a similar minimum return of 125 per cent, but a maximum return of 170 per coot, over five and a half years.

Recently we have seen the launch of guarantced-growth bonds investing in other markets. The Japanese stock market, for instance, was tipped to be one of 1996's star performers, which prompted a flurry of bonds investing in that part of the world. Save & Prosper offered a Japanese guaranteed stock market bond providing 120 per cent of the average growth of the Japanese market over three and a half years. This was followed by the Lotus Bond from Sun Alliance, based on the performance of the Nikkei Stock Index 300. It offered to share out growth of at least 135 per cent over five years.

These stock market-related growth bonds are really aimed at the slightly more sophisticated investors who are happy linking their investments to stock market returns.

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money guaranteed bonds

Risk takers: start here

By Christine Stopp

riskiest of the guaranteed fam- start capital back. the income from building society done a god deal of research into rates of interest. But a one-point move on either the UK or the US stock markets could spell the difference between a 50 per cent gain and kets were indeed down over five a 50 per cent loss in your capital over—years. five years in one of these bonds.

Just what are these attractive but dangerous vehicles? They are a species of guaranteed bond with tion whether the person who needs complicated built-in rules, tied to maximise his or her income should stock market performances and be gambling capital on the stock which aim to give high income plus. all being well, some nr all nf your original capital back.

Such bonds have a cut-off date for investment, and a minimum input of up to £5,000. The exact terms for these bonds vary, so it is essential to understand the small print of each bond thoroughly.

A bond currently on offer from Financial Assurance/Johnson Fry offers a potential 10 per cent return over five years. A Financial Assur-ance bond launching in mid-May promises 10.25 per cent. An issue from a large UK insurer is expected in June with a yield of 10.5 per cent. These are far higher yields than a hank or building society can offer, so

how do they do it?

A typical bond works like this. Let's say you make a £10,000 investment. During the life of the bond (usually five or five-and-half years) you will get an annual income of 10 per cent - that's £1,000 a year in this case. The minimum guarantee, according to the brochure, is that you will get your original investment

But what may not he understood by investors is this means that if either the FT-SE 100 or the S&P 500 is lower at the end of the period than at the start, you get back your original capital less the income you have received meanwhile. So with a 10 per cent five-year bond you will have received £5,000 in income and then if the relevant index is downwhen time is up you would only get £5,000 capital hack.

Over every five-year period since the FT-SE index began in 1984, claims the literature from Financial Assurance, the two indices have achieved an average growth rate of more than 50 per cent. So if the stockbroker should be prepared to future resembles the recent past you advise you.

Quaranteed equity bonds are the should get your income and your

ily. They attract the investor who can't currently survive on tious. BEST Investment, which has guaranteed investments, points out that looking back further than 1984 there have been periods when mar-

> These bonds, it says, represent an interesting gamble on the future level of stock markets but we ques-

> On the bright side, if the indices are the same as or above their starting point at the end of the term, you get income and your original capital back with no deductions. So these bands are a simple het between the investor and the companies offering them on how the markets will do.

> The risk of both stock markets being down over the period is thought to be minimal and daily index levels are averaged over the last year of the bond's life to reduce vulnerability to last-minute fluctuations.

It is worth remembering that there is usually an up-front charge on these bonds so that not all of your money will be invested. However, Baronworth and a number of other intermediaries offer a discount on the 3 per cent adviser's commission they earn. Elsewhere good returns can still

currently be made on secure investments that do not depend so crucially on stock market movements.

National Savings offer a range of fixed returns, many of them tax-free. It is also possible to get a running yield of 8 per cent on a 10-year gilt, without any loss of capital or with only a small loss when the stock

National permanent-interest bearing shares (PIBs) are another source of high-income returns - typically yielding around 9.5 per cent at the start of this month - with a number of issues from substantial building societies offering minimal risk. Yields on both gilts and PIBs vary

daily.
Such products are not sold aggressively to investors because they lack an up-front commission, but a local

The only way is up

What are the attractions of the escalator bond? By Abigail Montrose

investors looking for both a guaranteed and rising income over the next years should consider escalator or step-up bonds. These bonds guarantee to pay a set amount each year for a fixed period. The income increases each year and at the end of the term, which is usually three or five years, your capital is returned to you in

Escalator bonds provide a regular income, which may be ideal for anyone tooking for extra income to top up their pension or provide them with an income during a career break or a return to full-time education.

These bonds are offered by building societies and banks. The minimum investment varies between £500 and £5,000 depending on the provider, and income is paid monthly, balf-yearly or annually.

To get the best rates, investors should opt for an annual income. Unlike other bonds, the interest rate you receive is not based on the size of your investment, so you get the same rate of interest whether you invest £5,000 or £50,000.

This can make escalator bonds looking for a guaranteed income from a cash-hased deposit. For example, Portman Building Soci-

ety requires a minimum investment of just £500 on its five-year escalator bond. The annual income rises from 6 per cent to 6.25 per cent, 6.5 per cent, per cent and finally 9 per cent over the term. Elsewhere you can start off with an

income as low as 4 per cent rising to 12 per cent over the term. (For the latest rates available check the weekend press or Teletext). Rates change regularly on bands so when you've discovered one which

suits you, telephone the bank or building society to check that the rate is still being offered. These bonds offer investors peace of mind as you know exactly how much interest your money is going to earn for a set period of time, and there is no risk to your capital. The rising income also allows for inflation which bonds paying

a level rate of interest do not. "Most people see their costs go up over the years, so escalator bonds with



highly competitive for small investors. Start at the bottom: Getting on the escalator brings a guaranteed income from a cash-based deposit

priate to their needs than, say, guaranteed-income bonds, which pay a flat rate of interest and make no allowance for inflation" says Amanda Davidson, a partner at the independent financial advisers Holden Meehan.

The income offered on escalator bonds is based on current interest rates. If you think interest rates are likely to rise in the future, you may want to hald back from investing in a fixedrate bond as you may be able to get a better rate by waiting. But if you expect interest rates to fall the interest rates offered today could look very attractive in a few months' time.

Banks and building societies offering these bonds are aware of this and try to take a long-term view on the rates they offer. In recent weeks there have been a lot of changes to the interest rates offered on fixed-rate products, due to uncertainty over how soon the general election will be and the outlook for interest rates. But not everyone thinks interest rates will rise. Keith Sanham, a partner at the independent their rising income may be more appro- advisers Sanham & Co, says: "The mar-

ket is on the move. There's political uncertainty and a gut feeling interest rates will go up. I don't subscribe to this

"I think the economy still needs

some invigorating and interest rates at worst will stay where they are or probably come down in the next few months," he says.

But you may feel that in the current

political climate it is better to remain flexible and opt for a short-term bond

rather than, say, a five-year bond.
One of the latest honds to be launched is a three-year one from Abbey National. It is paying an annual income of 6 per cent, rising to 7 per cent and then 8.5 per cent in year three. With the base rate currently at 6 per cent this seems a good deal, says Mr Sanham, as the interest rate would have to rise by more than 2.5 per cent over the next three years to match this rate.

However, income on these bonds is taxable, which means that for a taxpayer the net rates are significantly lower (so you may well be better off with a guaranteed income bond).

If you are a non-taxpayer you should ask for the income to be paid gross. Fill in form R85, available from either the Inland Revenue or the bank or build-ing society with which you take out the

Escalator bonds are ideal for those investors looking for a reliable income with no risk to their capital, but they are not the only products available with these features.

Non-taxpayers should also look at National Savings Income bonds or, if they are old enough, National Savings Pension honds, while 20 per cent taxpayers should consider National Sav-

ings First Option bonds.

Banks and building societies offering escalator bonds include Abbey National, Bank of Ireland, Bank of Scotland, Barclays Bank, Birmingham Midshires Building Society, Coventry Building Society, Dunfermline Build-ing Society, Halifax Building Society, Leopold Joseph, Portman Building Society, Royal Bank of Scotland, Sun Banking Corporation, TSB and Wool-wich Building Society.

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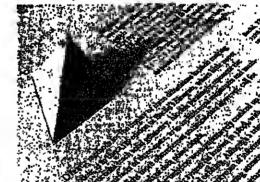
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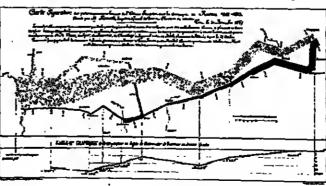


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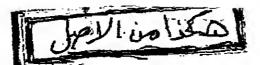
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SUBDEN DISTR | 18) Jean-Claude Van Damme stars, Emper Leic Sq 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 11:40 (Sat): Tracodoro MGM 3:20, 6:30, 9:30, 12:midnight (Sat) VER WHEN YOU'RE DEAD 118) A retired gangater returns to the job for one last time. Starring Andy Garcia and Christopher Walken. Havenarket MGM 1.30, 4.45, 8.00; Warner West End 1.50, 4.30,

7.05, 9.40, 12.10am (Sat)

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a true story, starring Jeff Bridges as the tough and driven skepper. Odenn West End 12,55,35,625,910. 12midnight (Sat) West End Booking Lines. Numbers 0771 except where noted; some new level se broken feet. runny levy a booking fee.
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Pier Circ. Man-Fri 800, Sat 815, [5] 3.00, [7] 5.00, £10.50-£34, 150 mins. . COMMERCICITIES BOOKS

Angela Thome stars. Savey Strand, WC2 (836 8888) BR/6-Char X. Mga-Sat 7.30, [4][7] 3.00, £12-£24. 160 mhas. CONTRACY
Sam Mendes revives Southeim.

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Inward strough 37 plays.

Criscian Piccadilly Circus, W1 (369 1747)

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AM INDEA, INCREASED
Nicola Pagett and John McCallour star.
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PORTH COMMENT.

Macine Carr's humsting look at a surviving twin who lives life in a serritying limbo.

Rayal Court Storme Square, SW1 (730 1745)

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7.00, [7] 3.30 (no mat 11 May.), ends 1 Inne., (5-£18, cours swallable, 140 mins.

SALAD BRES Ned Sherrin directs Kit & the Widow, Mandeville Starting, WC2 (836 9987) BRA® Charling X. Mon-Sat &CO, [4] 2.30, [7] 4.00, ends 27 July, £10-£27.50, 136 mins.

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Link: Staffenbury Assume, W1 (494-5045)

& Picc Circ, Mon-Tim 8.00. Fri & Sat 6.00 & 8.45, cm/s 3.1mme, £5-£22.50, 90 mins. **Beyond the West End**

MANUA THEATHE Turbiffe Location Kem directs Tom Hollander in the title role of Molicre's comody. Most-Sat Spin, mass Sat April, ends 15 June, £6.50-£17.50, cones available. Almeida Street, N1 (359 4404) & Angel.

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David Williamson presented by Nuffield Theatre, Last peris today 2.30pm & 8.00pm. 17.95-£11.95, cones available. University Road (01703-671771) Stratford-upon Avon THE OTHER PLACE The Barbal Bud Peter Whelan's emotional

theller impired by a real-life scandal involving Shakespeare's daughter. In rep, conight 7.30pm, each 30 Sep. £13.50-£17.50. Southern Lane [01789-255623] Machelle Roger Allem beads Tim Albery's

production of Shakespeare's transedy. In rep. today 1.30pm & 7.30pm. ends 5 Oct. £5.50-£35.50. Waterside (01789-295623) SHOWN THEFITEE.
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BONOMICS James Barbar, Dominic Holland, Rory Martion & Parrot. Traight 7.45pm, Houghton Street, WC2 (476 1672) & Holborn, D., sundouts 14. DOWNSTONES AT THE MINES HEND Sent Percival, Ivan Steward, Jan B Owen O'Neall, plus MC. to 8 30mm. Crouch End Hill NS 10181-

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Oceachi, Hawells and Mozart's C minor Mass, Breight 7,30pm, £6-£12, Smith Squar SW1 (222 1051) © Westminster. PURCELL ROOM
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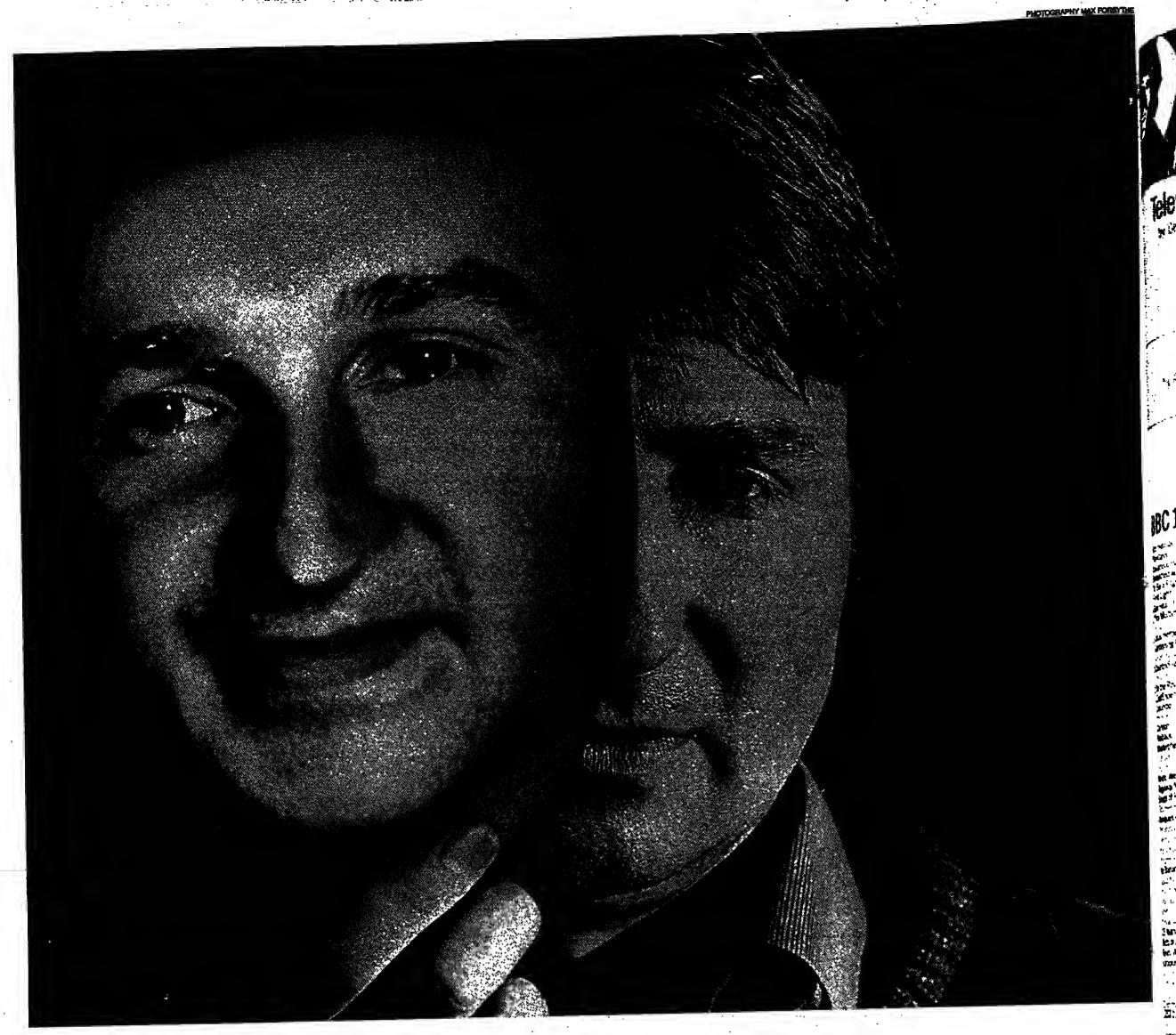
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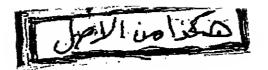
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The Province - Happy Ever After 11.15pm to 2. Birth of three pilots which became "comiting classics". This one is set in the home of Terry and happy Ever After 12.15pm to 15 pm t

FRIDAY

Mining the Archive 3pm R3. On what would have been his 75th birthday, a celebration of the great homplayer Dennis Brain; the music includes a recital recorded in 1957 for the BBC, a few days before his death.

and June Fletcher. Say no more (573920).

Sunday television and radio

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7.30 Jim Henson's Animal Show (4895183). 7.55 Jun register's Animal Show (4895) 7.55 Playdays (R) (S) (6173102). 8.15 Italianissimo (R) (5347893). 8.30 Breakfast with Frost (14034). 9.30 To Be a Pilgrim (R) (S) (5724560). 9.45 First Light (S) (114676).

10.15 See Hear! Magazine for the deaf (S) (106657). 10.45 This Multimedia Business. CD-Roms explained (R) (S) (2416270). 11.00 Local Heroes (R) (S) (9706). *

11.30 Gardening from Scratch. Constructing a simple water feature (R) (S) (1015). * 12.00 CountryFile. With John Craven (Including Weather for the Week Ahead) (\$) (56676). 12,30 On the Record (68102). *

1.30 EastEnders Omnibus (R) (S) (5751454). *
2.55 Columbo. Leslie Nielsen – playing it straight – Is the guest suspect (4012096). * Cartoon (R) (6651034). filteback. Viewers complain (S) (8761928). *

Masterchef 1996. Loyd Grossman is joined by chef Gordon Ramsay from the Aubergine, London, and cricketer Allan Lamb (S) (7408725). News; Weather (567015). *
Regional News (769947).

Songs of Praise. From the New Forest, with The Bournemouth Sinfonietta (S) (339544). *
Antiques Road Show, The first of four shows from the archives begins with a rare specimen from Devon, circa 1986. In other words, the BBC like the size of the ratings but have come to the end of the present series (R) (S) (519015), *
No Bananas. 2/10. Continuing the sudsy drama about two very different families (one rich: one

poor) brought together during the Second World War. Dorothea (Stephanie Beacham) is annoyedwhen Evelyn (Alison Steadman) Insists on taking in evacuees (S) (693676). 8.05 25 Years of the Two Ronnies (627454). *

9.15 News; Weather (133034). * 9.30 Karaoke 3/4. On-going Deninis Potter drama finds Alison Steadman making her second appearance of the evening on BBC1 - here as Sandra's

disfigured mother (S) (542831). * 10.25 Everyman, See Preview (S) (407454). *
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BBC2

9.10 Children's BBC: Rupert. 9.15 The Littlest Pet Shop. 9.35 X-Men. 10.00 Fully Booked.

12.00 Regional Programmes (54218). 12.30 Sunday Grandstand. With Sue Barker. 12.35 Touring Cars: coverage of rounds five and six of the AutoTrader RAC British Touring Car Championship from Thruxton. 1.05 Motorcycling: action from round three of the British Superbike Championship from Oulton Park. 1.25 Cricket: Sussex v Warwickshire in the AXA Equity and Law Sunday League. 3.30 Racing: live coverage of the French 1,000 Guineas from Longchamps. Plus news of the Prix Lupin. 3.45 Rugby Union: Highlights of the Middlesex Sevens final from Twickenham. 4.00 Racing: Live coverage of the French 2,000 Guineas from Longchamps. 4.15

French 2,000 Guineas from Longohamps, 4.15 Rugby Union 4.45 Cricket (S) (8545367). 6.20 News Round-Up (489299). The End of the Western World. See Preview

7.15 A History of British Art. The Independent's Andrew Graham-Dixon travels to Norfolk, Margate and Dedham Vale, exploring the paintings of Constable and Turner, Plus the strange world of William Blake and the erotic work of Henry Fusell (S) (691218).

8.05 Kali the Lion. A female lion's struggle to support her family in Kenya's Musiara marsh while the easy prey - zebra, wildebeest and whatnot - are away on holiday (R) (S) (824270). *

 9.00 Fantasy Football League. With Des Lynam, Zoe Ball and Jimmy Hill. Shown on Friday (S) (8164).
 9.30 Steptoe and Son (R) (62725). Q & A (Sidney Lumet 1990 US). Clean-cut

DA Timothy Hutton investigates thoroughly bad apple cop Nick Notic (the best thing in the film) in a New York police department (S) (90711639).

12.05 Fr/tt). Much-loved farce is screened in time for you to be able to compare it with the Robin Williams remake, Birdcage. Ugo Tognazzi and the brilliant Michel Serrault are the gay owners of a Riviera transvestite club. Complications ensue when the ultra-conservative parents of their son's fiancée come a-visiting (6952771).

Weatherview (3143481). 1.40 Pages from Ceefax (1311684). The Learning Zone: Adults Learning (59810). 4.00 Languages: Learning Languages (33874). 5.00 Business and Work: Work is a Four-Letter Word (S) (44077). 5.30 The Knowledge (S)

REGIONS. Wales: 12.00pm Welsh Lobby. 1.25 Cricket. 4.45 Cricket. NI: 12.00pm Sounds of

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6.00 CMTV. 6.00 The Sunday Review. 6.30 News and Sport. 7.00 The Sunday Programme (30560).
8.00 Disney Adventures. Includes Gummi Bears, Little Mermaid and Goof Troop (7822676).
9.25 The Adventures of Grady Greenspace (7667299)

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9.50 James Bond Jr (\$) (7887657).

10.15 Sunday Herbes (\$) (6182034).

10.25 Sunday, Including, at 10.45em, Morning Worship from St Mary's Church, Taunton (\$) (39686837).

12.10 Link (\$) (4692367). *

12.30 Crosstalk (Followed by LWT Weather) (79015).

1.00 News, Weather (40510657). *

1.10 Jonathan Dimbleby. Sinn Fein's Martin

McGuinness faces Oimbleby and the studio audience (S) (4314725). 2.00 Murder, She Wrote. Jessica is invited to a diplomatic reception in Washington. Bad idea. This old bird shouldn't be invited to get out of bed

In the morning (4638021).
2.55 The Sunday Match – Live. Chariton v Crystal Palace (54680541).

World of Wonder. Meet some "storm chasers", amateurs who go looking for tornadoes, and a bloke who pursues dangerous sports despite being paralysed from the waist down (2473744).

5.40 London Tonight (558367). *
6.00 News, Weather (496589). *
6.15 Surprise! Surprise! (S) (947251). * 7.1.5 Doctor Finlay. One by one the nuns at a convent start to suffer from strange medical symptoms.

Last in series. (S) (976763). 8.15 You've Been Framed! (R) (S) (263541). * 8.45 News, Weather (210522). * 9.00 The Knock. Andreotti goes undercover to crack a nutriless bootlegging gang. (S) (3589). *

10.00 The Clive James Show. Margarita Pracatan, Alan * Davies and Victoria Wood (S) (422763). 10.45 The South Bank Show. Profile of conductor John Ellot Gardiner, and the Orchestre Revolutionnaire

et Romantique (\$) (219980). * 11.45 Theatreland. Reviews of Fever Pitch, the stage play of the Nick Homby book (271560).

12.15 Stedge Hammer, Spoof cop show. (53232).

12.45 Bandolero! (Andrew V McLaglen 1968 US). Messy Sixties western with (miscast) outlaws

James Stewart and Dean Martin taking Raquel Welch hostage in their bid to escape the gallows. Co-stars George Kennedy (608619).

Esta Hindle Wakes (Arthur Crabtree 1952 UK). Cross-class tear-jerker about a Lancashire mill girl who gets involved with the boss's son while on holiday. Oh, the scandal of it (9720972). 4.05 ITV Sport Classics II (17329435).

4.35 Shift (R) (9454313). To 5.30am.

Channel 4

6.10 Trans World Sport (R) (5244638).
7.05 Take 5. With The Magic Roundabout, 8ush Tails, Natalie, Ivor the Engine and Joggy Bear (S)

Natalie, from the Engine and Joggy Bear (2481763).
7.35 The Magic School Bus (S) (4887164).
8.00 Sonic the Hedgelog (46299).
8.30 The Trap Door (5157164).
8.35 Blast Off (S) (7104367).
8.45 Bleer Mice from Mars (R) (101102).

9.15 Saved by the Bell (R) (7669657). * 9.40 Dumb and Dumber (S) (9782283). 10.00 The Bird (S) (2324893).

10.15 Sister Sister (S) (6830096). 10.40 Rocko's Modern Life (S) (8877541). 11.05 Insektors (9478893). 11.20 NBA Raw. Chicago Bulls (with Michael Jordan on duty) play the New York Knicks (4570763).

12.15 The Waltons (R) (435831).
1.15 IDENT Tess of the Storm Country (Paul Guilfoyle 1961 US), Oft-filmed melodrama starring Diane Baker as a Scottish girl who comes to Pennsylvania to find her fiancé has been killed (51057096). * Football Italia, Roma v Internazionale is the last televised match from the Serie A this season

(93328639). 5.05 Zig and Zag's Dirty Deeds. The latest flawed attempt to launch Big Breakfast presenters on their own (see The Gaby Roslin Show) finds the two furry ones helping Frank Carson fix the Golden Mike Award. The Muppets were doing this sort of stuff decades ago – and better (S) (9884270). * Hollyoaks (R) (S) (773589). *

Babylon 5 (S) (108638). * Hidden Kingdoms, The the Khareef - the monsoon wind of Oman that blows in from the Indian Ocean

Encounters: Lost Paradise. See Preview (1367). *
Music and the Mind: Paul Robertson continues his investigation into how music affects us emotionally In terms of the neuropathology of the brain. For example, autistic 21-year-old Tony has the mental age of nine, yet is capable of rocking the house as a azz musician (S) (4831). *

10.00 City Slickers (Ron Underwood 1991 US). Amusing comedy western starring Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern and Bruno Kirby as middle-age city dwellers who go on a cattle drive to get away from it all. Jack Palance won a Best Supporting Actor Oscar as the head wry old cowboy in charge of the venture, Avoid the sequel (S) (78111855). *

12.05 Distant Thunder (Satyajit Ray 1973 Ind). Moving account of the famine in Bengal in 1942/43, focused on the experience of a Brahmin doctor and his wife in a small village (813856).

1.55 Feast Day. Animation. (2489690). To 2.10am.

ITV/Regions

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Radio

Radio 1

(97.6-99.8MHz (W) 7.00am Kevin Greening 10.00 Dave Pearce 2.00 Trevor Nelson Dave Pearce 2.00 Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation 4.00 UK Top 40 7.00 The Bryan Ferry Story 8.00 John Peel 10.00 Andy Kershaw 12.00 Mary Anne Hobbs 4.00-6.30am Charlie Jordan Radio 2

(SR-SD 2ND) PND 7.00am Don Maclean 9.05 Steve Wright's Sunday Love Songs 11.00 Parkinson's Sunday Supplement 1.00 Desmond Carrington 3.00 1.00 Desmond Carrington 3.00 Benny Green 4.00 Radio 2 Young Musician 1996 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Pam Ayres 7.00 Charles Oance 8.30 Sunday Half Charles Oance 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 Alan Keith 10.00 When the Music Stopped 12.05 Steve Madden 3.00-6.00am Alex Lester

Radio 3

PO 2-92 4MHz FM) 7.00am Sacred and Profane. 8.55 Choice of Three, With planist Martin Roscoe. 9.00 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning.

12.15 Music Matters.
1.00 News; Role Play. Max.
Michael Billington talks to Warren Mitcheil and Timothy West about their experiences playing the patriarchal character of Max in Harold Pinter's play The Homecoming, first performed at the RSC in 1965, (2/5). 1.25 North Wales Music Festival. Schubert: String Quartet Move-ment in C minor. Tippett: String Quartet No 5. Schubert: String

Quintet In C. 2.55 Spirit of the Age. 3.55 Ketne's Yard Music. (3/3). 5.45 The Sunday Feature: High Priestess of the Keyboard. A

Portrait of Clara Schumann, See 6.30 Lars Vogt, Haydn: Piano Sonata In G. Brahms: Piano Sonata in F minor, Op 5. 7.30 The Sunday Play: Brahms on a Slow Train. Award-winning dramatist David Pownall returns to the theme of composers with relationship between the young eagle' Johannes Brahms and his devoted mentors Robert and

9.15 Choir Works, Elger: The Apos-ties. Introduced by Brian Wright. 11.30 Thai Music, (3/3). 1.15 Through the Night: Mozart's Die Zauberflote. 4.15 Rebel Ensemble.

All you ever wanted to know about (5.45pm R3); her relationship with Robert and Brahms drama-(left); and from tomorrow she's "Composer of the Week".

02.494.6Mb FM; 198Mb UM 8.00am News Briefing. 6.10 Something Understood. 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm.

7.40 Sunday. 8.50 The Week's Good Cause. 9.00 News. 9.15 Letter from America. 9.30 Morning Service. 11.15 Mediumwave 11.45 A View from Abroad. (3/6). median Hugh Laurie.

1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 Gardaners' Question Time.
2.30 The Classic Serial: Marriage. by Susan Ferrier. (3/3). .30 Pick of the Week. 4.15 The Purple, the Blue and the Red. (1/3). 5.00 News; Hitchcock on the Moor, Journalist 5.30 Poetry Piessel

5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather 6.00 Stx O'Clock News. 6.15 Feedback 6.30 In Business. 7.00 Children's BBC Radio 4: Hacker. By Matorie Blackman.
7.30 Reading Aloud: Growing Up.
8.00 (FM) The Natural History Pro-

8.00 (LW) Open University. 8.00 Lit-erary Criticism – A User's Guide: F R Leavis. 8.30 Maths Miscellary. 9.00 American Conversations: David Brower, 9.20 Talking about

the Enlightenment. 9.40 The Changing Face of Psychology.
8.30 (FM) Leviathen.
9.00 (FM) Relatively Speaking.
9.30 (FM) Condoms for Elephants.
9.59 Weather. 10.00 News 10.15 All in the Mind. 10.45 Breekeway.

Clara Schumann: her life explored in High Priestess of the Keyboard tised in Brahms on a Slow Train (7.30pm R3), with Denis Quilley,

> 11.45 Seeds of Faith. 12.00 News. 12.20 Bells on Sunday. 12.30 The Late Story. 5.50 inshore Forecast. 5.55-6.00am (FM) The Radio 4UK Thems. 5.55-6.00am (LW) Shipping Fore-

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at Breakfast 9.05 Sunday with Mair
11.35 Special Assignment 12.05
The Big Byte 12.35 The Game's Up
1.05 Baker and Kelly Up Front 2.30
Sunday Sport 6.05 Jim and the Doc
7.00 News Extra 7.35 You Cannot
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Night 5.00-6.00am Morning Reports Classic FM

Unit. 1019/sit PM 6.00am Sarah Lucas. 9.00 Classic Romance. 12.00 Celebrity Choice. 1.00 Alan Mann. 3.00 Master-class. 4.00 Classic Discoveries. 7.00 Classic Countdown Top 10. 8.00 Classic FM Evening Concert. 10.00 Howard's Week.12.00 Andre Leon.4.00-6.00am Mark Grif-

Virgin Radio (12)5 1397-1250kR; WH 105.8Wk FM) 6.00am Janey Lee Grace 10.00 Graham Dene 2.00 Nicky Home 5.00 Mitch Johnson 10.00 Gary Davies 2.00-6.00am Robin Banks

World Service 仍然此代 1.00am Newsdesk 1.30 Develop-ment '96 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Short Story 2.45 On the Move 3.00 Newsday 3.30 About Face 4.00 World News 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 Jezz for the Asking Roundup 4.30 Jazz for the Aslung 5.00 Newsdesk 5.30 Off the Sheli: Tess of the D'Urbervilles 5.30 Europe Today 5.45-6.00am Country Style

Satellite

Sky DBE
6.00am Hour of Power (94034),
7.00 Undum (8067270), 11.30
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Mix (24170), 1.00 Star Trek
(25218), 2.00 Star Trek
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(25218), 3.00 Power Rangers
(3837), 5.30 Power Rangers
(93164), 6.00 The Simpsons
(9305), 7.00 Star Trek Deep
Space Nine (41855), 9.00 Highlander (42909), 10.00 Ranegada
(45096), 11.00 Blue Thunder
(41819), 12.00 60 Minutes
(73503), 1.00 Sunday Comics
(81413), 2.00-6.00am Hit Mix
Long Play (9194665).

SIX MOWES
6.00am Stoge Struck (1958)
(83676). 8.00 Miracle of Our
Lady of Fathma (1952) (60744).
10.00 Lad: A Dog (1962)
(9125). 1.2.00 The Secret
Garden (1993) (246299). 3.55
Pee-Wee's Big Adventure (1985)
(492292). 5.30 Free Willy
(1993) (39424). 7.30 Cutalie's
Ghost Story (1994) (75744).
9.00 Murder One (60305).
10.00 Pulp Fiction (1994).
(53858003). 12.35 Movie Show
(3015874). 1.05 Man Without a
Face (1993) (578077). 3.05
PCU (1994) (361048). 4.25
6.00am Pee-Wee's Big Adventure
(1985) (168771). SKY MOVIES

MOVE CHANNEL 6.00am Stoweways on the Ark (67909), 7,30 Tom Sawyer (1986) (60096), 8,30 Boop Oop (1986) (60096). 8.30 Boop Oop a Doop (1985) (73638). 10.00 Vergeance of She (1967) (79893). 12.00 Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter? (1967) (58909). 2.00 Seasons of the Heart (1994) (97893). 3.30 El Feeture (6831). 4.00 Majority Rule (1992) (2928). 5.00 Destin of a Cheerleader (1994) (47454). 8.00 Maverick (1993) (59299). 10.00 Confessions of a Sorority Grif (1994) (74386). 11.30 Model by Day (1993) (252657). 1.05 Hollywood Madam (1994) (5487348). 2.35 Bloodhist: Subspecies III (1993) (4824936). 4.00-6.00am Vengsance of She (1957) (40348).

SICH MONIES COLD au styres your 12.00pm From This Day Forward (1946) (819909). 1.50 That's En-tertalismenti (1974) (1862)034). 4.00 The Assassination Bureau (1968) (3218). 6.00 Julia (1977) (21454). 8.00 Jans 3 (1993) (3230). 10.00 Julia (1977) (21434) 4.00 James (1983) (33299), 10.00 Over-board (1987) (51748), 12.00 Youngblood (1986) (811955), 1.50-4.30am Kagariusha (1980)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (7598522). 7.30 Going for Gold (7425251). 7.55 Pink Panther (9032299). 8.05 Angels (7182396). 9.00 When the Boat Comes In (3872947). 10.00 Blake's Seven (7506541). 11.00 Vortex Short (15334589). 11.10 Dr Who (44777270). 1.00 Film: Diagnosis of Murder (84931589). 2.50 Paul Daniels (6430251). 3.00 The Bill Omnibus (73354096). 5.20 To the Manor Born (3763560). 6.00 The Two Ronnies (7704947). 7.00 Morecambe & Wise (2169893). 8.00 Poldark (75999299). 9.05 I, Claudius (20816819). 10.10 Morher Love (28451096). 1.1.15 7.00am Give Us a Clue Claudius (20418419). 10.10 Mother Lave (28451096). 11.15 Bob Monichouse (5019909). 12.05 Six Wives of Henry VIII (2343868). 1.40-3.00em Shopping at Night (27973961).

SITY SPORTS 7.00am Finish Line (30015) 7.00am rinish Dre (30015). 7-30 Watersports (13102). 8-30 Sailing (50305). 9.00 Boxing (33034). 10.30 Superfiltes (28947). 12.00 Australian Rules Football (37753). 1.30 Golf 700081 (37743), 1.30 con (738611), 4.30 Superbices (36305), 5.30 Super League (759541), 8.00 Superbices (95015), 10.00 Rugby (67744), 12.00 Cricket (19329), 1.00-

SKY SPORTS Z 347 970613 2 7.00am Soccer Extra (1878367). 11.00 Roller Hockey (9315378). 12.00 Rugby (5232544). 2.00 Oricler (6843102), 7.30 Max Out (9749812). 8.00 Roller Hockey (9825096). 9.00 Golf (9629183). 11.00-1.00am Golf (4275164).

LIVE TV
6.00am Video Box. 6-30 Home Shopping 7.00 Video Box. 7.30 Fate & Fortuna. 8.00 425. 9.00 Mind & Body. 9.30 Weigh to Go. 10.00 Fashion Show. 10.30 Spanish Archer. 11.00 Video Box. 12.00 Fate & Fortuna. 12.30 Why Files. 1.00 425. 2.00 Sport Live. 3.00 Canary Wharf (Omnibus). 5.00 Weigh to Go. 5.30 Fashion Show. 8.00 Video Box. 6.30 Spanish Archer. 7.00 425. 8.00 Nationwelld. 9.00 Lunchbox Volley Ball. 9.30 Why Files. 10.00 Topless Darts. 10.30 The Fashion Show. 11.00 Topless Darts. 11.30 Stand Up Live. 12.00 Lunchbox Volley Ball. 12.30 Weigh Might. 1.00 Home Shopping. 1.30 Spanish Archer. 2.00 425. 3.00 The Sex Show. 3.30 Stand Up Live. 4.00 Fate & Canada Cana 3.30 Stand Up Live. 4.00 Firte & Fortune. 4.30 Why Files. 5.00 Home Shopping. 5.30-6.00am

Pastimes

Chess William Hartston



This position, from the game Ivkov-Petrosian, Rio de Janeiro 1979, is included in Jan Timman's Studies and Games, published by Cadogan Chess. At the time of the game, Timman and Petrosian were in close competition to qualify for the world title Candidates matches. It was the final round, and Petrosian's game seemed to be heading for a draw.

In the diagram position, with Ivkov short of time, Petrosian played 1...Nd4! and too easy to believe.

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card suit in a hand that would

Ivkov's reply was, in Timman's words, "an unbelievable mistake".

He can force a draw with 2.Rxg6+ Kf8 3.Bxf7! Kxf7 4.Rxg5 when Nxf3? loses to Rf5+, so Black must allow the exchange of his last pawn. Instead, Ivkov played 2.Rc7? and after 2...Rf8!

could not defend his f-pawn. He played 3.f4, but after 3...gxf4 4.gxf4 exf4 5.Kd2 Nf3+ 6.Ke2 Ne5 7.Rc5 Re8 8.Bb5 Re7 White resigned. But was 2.Rc7 so unbelievable? With the clock ticking after 1...Nd4, White must have thought: "He can't do that, I can take on g6 with check. Hang on, after 2.Rxg6+ Kf8 my rook's attacked and 3.Rf6 Rc8 4.Rxf7+ Ke8 loses me a piece. Ah, I can play 2.Rc7,

attacking f7 and keeping his rook off the c-file." Like most blunders, it's all

Perplexity

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The above sentence hides the names of three people who have been in the news this week. To find them (in each case a first name plus surname), you must group the six words into three pairs then rearrange the letters within each pair. A Larousse Desk Reference Encyclopedia awaits the first correct answer opened on 22 May. Answers to: Saturday Pastimes, the Independent, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL

27 April answers:

Boris Yeltsin (Tonsil, rise, by); Nelson Mandela (And, solemn, lane); Helmut Khol (hot bulk elm). Winner: Jason Elder (Nor-

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Most rubber bridge players like to keep their jump overcalls up to trength - a good six-

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masters Jonesman Martin, head of Call us Tree on 0500 246 246.

East-West game; dealer East have opened the bidding, say. The modern duplicate player prefers to play them as weak (if not frighteningly weak!). East opened 1 + and South rated his hand as worth 3.

(I like to think I am a modern player, but not that modern!) North, clearly expecting slightly more opposite, launched into a Blackwood enquiry and, on finding South aceless, set-West led the ♠10 against

the slam and it was up to South to justify his bidding. Prospects looked poor - an ace was missing and it seemed there was an inescapable loser in diamonds. Nor was it certain that the missing trumps were 2-1.

Declarer did all the right things. As be had no good immediate discard on the A he played low from dummy and ruffed in hand. He then drew trumps in two rounds and led a low heart from the table You have to feel sorry for

East. If he took his ♥A. South could throw his two losing diamonds on the A and the ♥K; if he played low, South's solitary feature would score and the other losing heart go away on the A. Later, the fourth round of diamonds would be ruffed on the table.

It was a good example of the play that has been called Morton's Fork.

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The big picture Dangerous Liaisons Sun 11.15pm BBC1

John Malkovich is at his best when he is playing a salivating insinuator, witness his masterful assassin in In the Line of Fire. He curls his lip to similarly devastating effect as the lupine Vicomte de Valmont, sexually plotting with the scheming Marquise de Merteuil (the equally compelling Glenn Close) in Stephen Frears's exquisite realisation of Dangerous Liaisons. Christopher Hampton's fiercely intelligent reading of the play about 18th-century mores by Choderios de Laclos rightly picked up the Best Adapted Screenplay Oscar in 1988.

Television preview

RECOMMENDED VIEWING THIS WEEKEND by Gerard Gilbert



Captives Sat 9.45pm BBC2 Later with Jools Holland Sat 11.55pm BBC2 The End of the Western World Sun 6.35pm BBC2 Lost Paradise, Encounters Sun 8pm C4 Everyman Sun 10.25pm BBC1

of life's imponderables for the ladies. If you were Julia Ormond (a prettier version of Julia Roberts, for the uninitiated), would you risk losing your sanity, career and even your liberty for Tim Roth? Al Pacino, Brad Pitt or Daniel Day-Lewis, maybe. But Tim

This isn't just rather cruel idle speculation. It goes to the heart of Captives (BBC2 Sat), Frank Deasy's well-written Screen Two about a prisoo dentist (Ormond) who starts ao affair with an inmate (Roth). Now. Roth is a man who has built a surprisingly profitable career out of playing wry young punks, but no one - not even Quentin Tarantino - has tried casting him as a romantic lead before. You can sense why they did ("two of Britain's rising stars in Holly-wood" reads the Beeb blurb), but it stretches the central credibility of an otherwise modestly admirable piece. Captives is peppered with, in British terms, star

While the blokes discuss the finer merits of been left to less recognisable faces. But the real find first national parks, including Yosemita, Judging from Liverpool and Manchester United, here is one here is Julia Ormond, who hints at why Hollywood the trailer-park and motel-littered landscape of this might be so potty about her. A fine, pared-down performance.

Understated isn't B word you'd apply to Martin Jacques, former deputy editor of this paper, as he charges around the countries of East Asia in The End of the Western World (Sun BBC2), 8 title that catches your attention without what it heralds necessarily telling you much that is new. In a nutshell, the fivecentury-old domination of Europe and the West is st an end. All bail the mighty "tiger" economies of Malaysia, Taiwan, South Korea. China and Japan.

The Encounters film Lost Paradise (Sun C4) has s genial American bod called Robert Perkins bor-rowing a motorbike from his neighbour, strapping a possessions of its disciples and exploiting their rowing a motorbike from his neighbour, strapping a camera and pet terrier to the sidecar, and setting off in the footsteps of John Muir. The Scottish-born Muir was a 19th-century naturalist who eschewed the handi-works of man after nearly being blinded in a factory tally unstable. But can you safely call this exploitaaccident. Instead, he set off on foot to discover the tion when the alternative would be a cardboard box players (Keith Allen, Siobhan Redmond, Peter accident, Instead, he set off on foot to discover the tion when the alternative would Capaldi, Colin Salmon) in roles that could safely have wildernesses of North America, inspiring the world's Care of the Community?

film, Americans owe John Muir a large debt.

For muso-purists, a seventh series of Later with Jools Holland (Sat BBC2) ticks off, with Willy Nelson, the Cure, Tasmin Archer and Mark Morrison. The "in the round" format of the show, with the bands facing each other in a circle, provides a welcome competitive element, although it doesn't manage to do anything for Robert Smith's singing. Everyman (Sun BBC1), meanwhile, has a riveting film about the Jesus Army, a religious outfit that has created its own kind of state-within-a-state, complete with supermarkets, garages and an extensive property portfolio. labour. The Jesus Army largely target the young and homeless, and you won't easily forget the image of



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The big match Manchester United v Liverpool Sat 3pm BBC1

The BBC is drafting in 90 people Bnd 18 cameras to send its footage of the FA Cup Final between Manchester United and Liverpool to more than 100 countries around the world. Des Lynam hosts BBC1's five and a quarter hours coverage, which sadiy lacks the it's a Knackout contest of old. The match itself looks evenly balanced, with both teams boasting exciting playmakers. Will Uverpool prove more motivated now that Manchester United, under Alex Ferguson (above), already have the Premiership trophy nestling in their cabinet?

Saturday television and radio

ITV/London

(1513530).

6.00 GMTV 6.00 News; Weather 6.10 Re-Win.d. 6,30 Bananas in Pyjamas. 6.40 Eat Your Words. 7.10 Barney and Friends. 7.40 Oisney's Wake Up In the

Scratchy & Co. Including 10.05 Batman: the

Animated Series, followed by Are You Afraid of the Dark? 11.00 Massive on the Isle of Wight. With Matt Venn, Sean Maguire and the Mizz Magazine Roadshow (S) (18387614).

11.30 The Chart Show (R) (S) (30879).

12.30 The Basement. New series with Sonya Saul

News, Weather (5843\$188). *

Airwolf (R) (9504140).

3.5S RoboCop (S) (6144898). 4.50 News, Weather (6141169). *

Local News, Weather (58434459). *

1.10 Movies, Games and Videos (1945966). 1.45 The Making of Broken Arrow (R) (776430). 2.15 Time Trax (S) (7146091).

meeting calebs and pop bands. Top DJ Carl Cox

discusses Ecstasy and dance drugs, and the sisters of Ecstasy victim Leah Betts talk about her death. With music from Indie band Bawl (42594).

Local News, Weather (7317985). *
Baywatch Nights. Baywatch spin-off finds Mitch,
Gamer and Ryan search for a runaway girl who has
witnessed the murder of a record-label executive

Man O'Man. Chris Tarrant chaperones another 10 boys as they meet the all-female studio audience (S) (457362). *

(S) (43) 362). "
Stars in Their Eyes. People impersonate Billy Idol, Janet Jackson, Julio Iglesias and Jean-Luc Godard (Including Lottery Result) (S) (406459). *
News; National Lottery Update; Weather (Followed by LWT Weather) (278546). *
London's Burning. The Blue Watch reruns configure with the base pregulars as off Secretary.

continue with the boys resculng an old fireman from a blaze and Colin's probationary period coming to an end (R) (S) (577492). *

10.05 (EMSI) Dirty Dancing (Emile Ardolino 1987 US). A bright dance musical carries along a bubble-headed, retro-vision of growing up in the 1960s, with decided daughter legalities for the services to

with doctor's daughter Jennifer Gray learning to

love and dance in the company of working class instructor Patrick Swayze (S) (17069S). *

11.55 Funny Business. With Craig Charles and John

Thomson of The Fast Show (S) (494411).

(S) (19950S3), * International Gladiators (S) (1512S6), *

Wild Room, 8.SS Mighty Morphin Power Rangers

BBC₁

7.25 News; Weather (2078850).
7.30 Children's BBC; Willy Fog. 7.SS Robinson Sucroe.
8.15 The Raccoons. 8.4S Marvel Action Hour. 9.4S Grange Hill. 10.15 Sweet Valley High.

10.35 The O Zone. Jackson family offspring 3T are guests and Take That's manager Nigel Martin talks about his latest signing, Kavanah (S) (8827546).

11.00 Harry and the Hendersons (R) (3812492). *

11.20 Cartoon (9388661). 11.30 Camp Wilder. Teen sitcom (5558). 11.S7 Weather (51S1817).

12.00 FA Cup Final Grandstand. It's Cup Final Day, of course, and the encounter between Manchester United and Liverpool dominates today's proceedings, 12.0S Team News, 12.20 Cup Final Build-Up, 1.00 News followed by an exclusive interview with Eric Cantona, 1.05 Cup Final Build-Up: the teams arrive and inspect the pitch, plus more action from the previous rounds, 2,15 Meet The Teams, 2,30 Pre-Match Build-Up: Including the traditional singing of "Abide with Me" and a penalty shoot-out between team members from the 1977 final. 3.00 The FA Cup Final; live coverage of Manchester United v Liverpool (S) (95920343).

Alternative Schedule (If extra time is played), 5.40 News; Weather, 5.50 Local News; Weather, S.5S As billed. (Stay Tooned is dropped) (5\$59492).
5.15 News; Weather (7311701). *

5.25 Local News, Weather (5S87275), 5.30 Stay Tooned! With Tony Robinson (S) (1612S6). 8ig Break: Stars of the Future (S) (164343). * 6.2S The New Adventures of Superman (S) (2S3445).7.10 Confessions. Meet the bloke who stole the ball

during rugby union's 1991 Pilkington Cup Final. And more (S) (173898). * 7.50 The National Lottery Live. Gloria Estefan gets the balls rolling (S) (417188).

8.0S Bugs. There's been a computer crash at the East European Monetary Commission, almed at

destabilising the region. Enter three former soap stars (S) (495343). *
News and Sport; Weather (Followed by National Lottery Update) (266701). *

9.15 Praying Mantis (James Keach 1992 US). Jane Seymour as a husband-dispatching serial killer has to be one of the great pieces of miscasting. Pretty daft hokum all round, co-staming Barry Bostwick, and Frances Fisher as a suspicious potential sister-in-law (115985). *

10.45 Match of the Day - FA Cup Final Highlights. With Desmond Lynam (S) (4022072). 11.55 (1984) Mannequin (Michael Gottlieb 1987 US).

Alleged comedy about a young man (Andrew McCarthy) who discovers an ancient Egyptian spirit is embodied in a department-store mannequin. His passion for the dummy concerns his friends. Kim Cattrall co-stars (6\$8237). *

1.20 Weather (8288469). To 1.25am. REGIONS. Nt: 11.5S Rugby Special. 12.2S Film:

Mannequin. 1.50 Weather.

BBC 2

Open University: Are You Being Served? (7288188). 6.25 Maths (7267695). 6.50 Systems: Coping with Queues (\$290188). 7.15 The Sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia (3243879). 7.40 Elements Organised - The Periodic Table (4822237), 8.05 Utilitarianism: A Lecture by Bernard Williams (7338633). B.30 The Island: An Historical Production? (8802053), 8.SS Energy at the Crossroads (8821188). 9.20 Surviving the Exam (7697430). 9.45 Alaska – The Last Frontier? (6212898). 10.10 Going with the Flow (6879985), 10.35 Managing Schools (8825188), 11.00 Statistics: Ecological Predictions (6871633), 11.25 Desertification – A Threat to Peace? (5) (3828053), 11.50 Blue

12,15 Love Me Tonight (Rouben Mamoulian 1932 US). One of the greatest musicals ever made, finely scored by Rodgers and Hart, about a penniless Parisian tailor (Maurice Chevalier) mistaken for an eligible nobleman by a princess. Jeanette MacDonald (2384850). *

1.40 Srigadoon (Vincente Minnelli 1,954 US).
Famous for its Hollywood studio recreation of the Scottish Highlands and some of the most atrocious Scottish accents ever simed at a microphone, Minnelli's musical has Americans Gene Kelly and Van Johnson stumbling on a village which comes to life on one day every century (42352188), * Gigi (Vincente Minnelli 1958 US). "Thank Heavens for Little Girls" and all that, in Lemer and

Loewe's cheerful, super-confident musical version of the Colette story set in 1890s Paris. With Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier, Louis Jourdan, and Hermione Gingold (22541876). S.1S The 1996 RFU Awards. Highlights of this year's Rugby Football Union awards dinner (1908527).

Members on the March: A Scrutiny Film. Miriam O'Callaghan questions the Armed Forces Select Committee over issues such as whether gays should be admitted and why there are so few ethnic minorities in the services (527275). * 6.50 What the Papers Say. With Bronwen Maddox of

the Financial Times (S) (128362). 7.0S News and Sport; Weather (701879). * 7.20 Correspondent. Jane Corbin reports from India on on how the switch from traditional fish-farming methods to intensive production are resulting in

increased pollution. Plus how drug users are handled in Tokyo and Norfolk Island's campaign for Independence from Australia (S) (811546). * 8.05 FDR. World War Two ends this handsome Roosevelt biography (2027S94). *
9.15 Have I Got News for You. With Martin Clunes, Neil

Morrissey and Claire Rayner (294411). * 9.45 Screen Two: Captives. See Preview (S) (436661). 11.2S Steptoe and Son (89669S). 11.5S Later with Jools Holland. See Preview (S)

1.5S Tropical Heat (R) (S) (1381763).
2.4S El News Review. Entertalnment news (12S2541).
3.35 God's Gift. Similar idea to Man O' Man (see earlier), with Davina McCall in the Chris Tarrant rale (R) (1125251).

4.30 Cool Vibes (S) (46943034). 4.40 ITV Sport Classics It (64012522). S.05 Coach (R) (S) (50S6893). S.30 News (64367), To 6.00am.

12.2S Pyjama Party (S) (6040980).

Channel 4

6.05 Sesame Street (R) (5270053).
7.00 Little Dracula (R) (8176169).
7.35 World League Football (R) (4810492).
8.00 Trans World Sport (10256).
9.00 The Morning Line. Preview of today's horse racing (S) (12527).
10.00 The Greatest. Jeffrey Archer joins in to consider Sir Leonard Hutton and Sebastian Coe (R) (S) (99091).

(99091). * 10.30 NBA 247 (R) (81362), 11.00 Gazetta Football Italia (94463), 12.00 Sign On: Secret Dreams (72614).

12.30 The Great Maratha (4665817). 12.55 The Adventures of Don Juan (Vincent Sherman 1949 US). William Faulkner was one of the many writers who worked on this rather downbeat, semi-satirical swashbuckler, with Errol Flynn rescuing Queen Margaret of Spain from her enemies, Economically, it apparently incorporates totage from The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex (see later) and The Adventures of Robin

Hood (59294324). * 2.55 The Unicom in the Garden. The James Thurber

by Bill Hurtz (7614169).

The Darcom in the Garden, The James, Thurter story in an animation classic from 1953, directed by Bill Hurtz (7614169).

The Private Lives of Eizzabeth and Essex (Michael Curtiz 1939 US). Bette Davis' Queen Elizabeth I completely overshadows Errol Flynn's Essex - and, without some daredevil swordsmanship to distract from his acting, Flynn looks like he's not enjoying himself. Davis herself had lobbled for Laurence Olivier (88396362). * Brookside Omnibus (R) (S) (7325053). *

6.30 Right to Reply (459). *
7.00 A Week in Politics. With Vincent Hanne and

Andrew Rawnsley (S) (7.430). Cutting Edge: Sodden Death, Repeat documentary following the work of Carol-Jordan and Joan Carter, who work as funeral officers for Hackney Council In east London, identifying those who die alone and unknown (R) (3850). *

9.00 The Gaby Roslin Show. Cybill Shepheld is a confirmed guest (S) (3614).

10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. The sitcom news team decide how far to bow under Government pressure (R) (S) (73343). * 10.30 Med Night of the Living Dead (George A Romero 1968 US). Seminal horror movie, moving the whole genre into the modern era, finds the dead

resurrected by radiation fallout and acquiring a taste for human flesh (27080\$76). * 12.25 Homicide - Life on the Street. Baltimore cop show from Barry Levinson. Tempers flare on the night shift because the air conditioning has been shut off

(R) (S) (7934763). * 1.25 To Heal a Nation (Michael Pressman 1988 US). True story in which Eric Roberts (brother of Julia) plays Vietnam veteran Jan Scruggs who leads the campaign to build the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington (468102). * To 3.10am.

ITV/Regions

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30pm Movies, Garnes and Videos (42594), 1.10 Film: You Ruined My Life (5:1837782), 3.00 SeaQuest DSV (9503140), 11.55 Live from the Lilydrome (387237), 1.00am Pylams Party (20367), 2.30am Furny Business (36744), 3.00am Pilm: Beautiful but Dangerous (268305), 4.45am Music Box Profile (46922541), 5.00-5.30am Wanted Dead or Alive (79386).

TYME TEES/TORISHIRE
As London etraph: 12.30pm Movies, Games and Videos (42594). 1.10 Sunimashus (7354445). 2.05 Film: Disney's Son of Flubber (831817). 3.50 Ahrwolf (6136879). 11.55 Tales from the Crypt (494411). 12.25am Funny Business (4892522). 12.55am Prjama Party (2109560). 2.25am The War of the Worlds (7798015). 3.15am Customs Classified (2295560). 4.00am Coach (32643611). 4.25am Cus the Music (2447164), 5.20-5.30am Profile (3159928).

CENTRIL.

As London except 12.30pm Movies, Games and Videos (42594). 1.10 Males em Laugh (31319985). 1.40 Wanted Dieador Alive (39691898). 2.10 Wenner Brothess Cartoon (1570461-4). 2.30 Baywatch (9037188). 3.25 Airwolf (9523275). 4.20 Body Heat (5002817). 5.10 Wanner Brothess Canton (5584188). 3.35am Joblinder (335102). 5.20-5.30am Asian Eye (3159928).

BTV
As London except: 12.30pm The Mureiers Today (42594).
1.10 West: House (1945966). Wales: Roadrunner (31319985), 1.40 Wales: Carloon Time (81493527).
1.45 Movies, Garnes and Videos (776430). 2.15 Films The Tirist of the Incredible Hulk (195527). 4.00 Batman (3909324).11.55 Live from the Likydrome (387237).
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Radio

Radio 1

197 6-99 SMH: FAD 7.00am Kovin Greening 10.00 Dave Peace 12.30 Danny Baker 2.30 Jo Whiley 5.00 John Peel 7.00 Lovegroove Dance Party with Danny Rampling 9.00 Radio 1 Rap Show 12.00 The Radio 1 Dancehalt Nite 2.00 Essential Mix: Tim Lennov and T'Empo 4.00-7.00am Charlie Jordan

Radio 2

188 99 200: Rin 6.00am Mo Dutta 8.05 Brian Matthew 10.00 Steve Wright's Saturday Show 1.00 Laughter USA 1.30 The News Huddines 2.00 Judi Spiers 4.00 Nick 8arraclough S.00 Reading Music 6.00 Siyan Ferry in Concert 7.00 Legends at Light Music 7.30 Ruthe Henshall with a Star Is Born 9.30 David Jacobs 10.00 Sheildan Morley 12.05 Charles Nove 4.00-7.00am No Outto

Radio 3

7.00am Record Review. With Jonathan Swam, Mozart: Plano Concerto No 19 in F. Dowland: A selection of songs and dances. Reicha: Clarinet Quintet in B flat. Sibelius: Violin Concerto.

9.00 Building a Library. A survey of the keyboard works of

François Coupenn by Graham Sadler. 10.15 Record Release. Rautavaara: Symphony No 7. Schmittke: Historia von O Johann Fausten. McPhee: Tabuh-Tabuhan, Lutosiawski:

Concerto for orchestra.

12.00 Private Passions, Michael Joanna Trolloge, whose musical passions range from the sacred music of Mozart and Faure to Ella Fitzgerald singing Rodgers and Hart's Manhattan.

1.00 News; Vintage Years. David Mellor presents a portrait of Krystian Zimerman who, in 1975, was the youngest-ever winner of the Warsaw Plano Competition, including music by Chotun, Brahms, Debussy and Schubert, 15:61, See Choice. 3.00 The Music Machine Megamir. Tommy Pearson investigates musical forms.

4.00 BBC National Orgrestra of

Choice

David Mellor eams some more money not related to his work as an MP talking to the pianist Krystian Zimerman in Vintage Years (1pm R3); Mark Lawson (left) furthers his bid for total media domination with a new topical talk show, Signs of the Times (9.30pm R3).

(932701). To 1.10am.

S.00 Jazz Record Requests. 5.45 Music Matters. Ivan Hewett considers Debussy's songs, and looks back at the men who wrote the words for 8roadway musicals. 6.30 Love Life. Kurt Weill's

vaudeville in two parts, to a text by Alan Jay Lerner, paints a portrait of life in America from the 1790s to 1940s. 9.30 Signs of the Times, Mark Lawson and guests discuss the social, ethical and cultural hinterland behind the issues of

the week. See Choice.

10.15 Intimate Letters. Janacek: String Quartet No 2.

10.45 Impressions. Snan Morton introduces a session recorded by the Australian group Clarian Fracture Zone during their cent visit to Europe 12.30 Prono Man. Alun Morgan concludes his profile of the

pianist and bandleader Earl 1.00 Through the Night. With Ognald Macleed.
5,00 Sequence.
5,55 Open University. Maths:
Curve Sketching, 5,15 Nodem
Art, Semiotics and Visual Art.

6.35 Assignment 103.

Radio 4 192 4.44 GMES FM, 19594C UST 6,00am News Briefing. 6,10 Farming Today. 6,50 Prayer for the Day. 6,55 Weather. 7.00 Today. 9.00 News. 9.05 Sport on 4. 9.30 Breakaway.

10.00 News: Loose Ends. 11 DO News: Week in Wes!minster. 11.30 From Our Own Correspandent. 12.00 Maney Bar. 12.25 The News Que. 12.55 Weather.

1.10 Any Questions? 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Any Answers? 2.30 Saturday Playhouse: I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith Two sisters live in complete poverty in a ruined castle until their lives are transformed when the American owners pay

4.00 News; Leviathan. 4.30 Science Now. 5.00 America Oreaming. High Noon in Nolan. Simon Oring rides into Sweetwater, Texas, for a taste of life in the snake pit of American politics, 5.40 A Further View from the Fish Queue.(4/4).

5-50 Shipping Forecast.
5-55 Weather.
6-00 Six O'Clock News.
6-25 Week Ending.
6-50 Ad Lib. Circus Folk. Robert Robinson enters the ring with a circus owner, an animal tam a juggler, an acrobat and a high-wire artiste. (2/8). 7.20 Kaleidoscope Feature. "I've known rivers ancient as the

world and older than the flow of ruman blood in human veins." So begins the first pub-lished and most famous of po-ems by the father of the Harlem Renaissance, Langston Hughes, Saxophonist Courtney Pine, poet Fred O'Aguiar and compaser Mark Anthony-Tur-nage tell Brian Morton of the contining Inspiration offered by the man who spoke of rivers. 7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: Peter Grimes by Martyn Wade. 9.20 Music in Mind. 9.50 Ten to Ten.

10.15 The Travellers' Souk. Imag-ine a new continent has been discovered. Who should be esponsible for it? 10.45 The Champions. 11.00 Comparing Notes with 11.30 Ballylenon. Comedy drama by Christopher Fitz-Simon. (1/4). 12.00 News. 12.30 The Late Story: The Quest for Lavishes Ghast by Murtel

Spark.
12.48 Shipping Forecast.
1.00 As World Service.
S.50 Bells on Sunday.
5.55-6.00am (FM) The Radio 4UK Theme, 5.55-6.00am (LW) Shipping

Radio 5

(63.1 905Mb MW) 1033, 300mg mm 6.05am Dirty Tackle 6.30 Brian Hayes at Breakfast 9.05 Weekend with Kershaw and Whittaker 11.05 Top Gear 11.35 Crime Desk 12.00 Midday Edition Desk 12.00 Midday Edition 12.15 Sportscall 1.05 Sport on Five 6.06 Six-0-Six 8.05 The Treatment 9.05 Clear the Air 9.35 Callyn on Saturday 10.35 Asian Parspective 11.00 Night Extra 12.05 Night Talk 2.00 Up All Night 5.00-6.00am Morning Reports

Classic FM 1000-101 MMX No.
6.00am Sarah Lucas. 9.00
Classic Courtdown. 12.00
Classic Gardening Forum. 1.00
Alan Mann. 3.00 Nick Bailey.
6.00 Menuhin: Master Musician.
7.00 The World Once Section. 7.00 The World Opera Season. Donizetti: Don Pasquale. Franco Corena, Graziella Scluth, Tome Krause, Vienna State Opera/Istvar Kertesz. 10.00 The Classic Quiz. 12.00 Andre Leon. 4.00 Classic Travel Guide. 5.00-6.00am

Michael Fanstone. Virgin Radio (1215, 1197-1260letz MW))05.8MHz FMJ 5.00am Janey Lee Grace 8.00 Russ & Jono's Greatest Hits 10.00 Richard Skinner 2.00 Mark Forrest (including Virgin Grunchie Album Chart) 6.00 Mitch Johnson 10.00 Robin Banks 2.00-6.00am Howard

World Service

1198WE UM 1.00am Newsdesk 1.30 Letter from America 1.4S Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 People and Politics 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Music Review 4.00 World News 4.1S Sports Roundup 4.30 Fourth Estate 4.45 Write On 4.55 Pon Short S.00 Newsdesk S.45-6.00am On the Move

Satellite

7.00am Undun (8007898). 11.30 Ghoul-Lashed (5660430). 11.50 Trap Door (7314492). 12.00 WWF Mania (40527). 1.00 The Hit Mix (59275). 2.00 The Advertures of Brisco County Junior (27898). 3.00 One West Walkiki (42411). 4.00 Kung Fu, the Legend Continues (61546). S.00 Mysterious Island (8237). 6.00 WWF Superstars (39411), 7.00 Sliders (72140), 8.00 Unsolved Mysteries (98188), 9.00 Cops I (50430), 9.30 Cops II (41256), 10.00 Stand and Deliver (10409), 10.30 Revelations (11527), 11.00 The Movie Show (11527). 11.30 The Move Show (62275). 11.30 Forever Knight (46782). 12.30 Dream On (90218). 1.00 Saturday Night Live (47386). 2.00-6.00am Hit Mix Long Play

SKY MOMES
6.00am Easy Living (1949) (21-459).
8.00 Destination Moon (1950)
(62350). 10.00 Harper Valley PTA
(1978) (32508). 12.00 Going Under
(1990) (24701). 2.00 Caught in the
Crossfire (1994) (95091). 4.00 A
Chikr's Cry for Help (1994) (3169).
6.00 My Father, the Hero (1994)
(82527). 8.00 Car 54, Where Are
You? (1994) (87072). 10.00 SIS Extreme Justice (1993) (250430).
11.40 Pleasure in Pargetose (1993).
(291966). 1.05 Dangerous Heart
(1993) (510164). 2.40 Trust in Me
(1994) (4942386). 4.10-6.00am My
Father, the Hero (1994) (575639). SKY MOYIES

MOVIE CHARRIEL 6.00am The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1985) (28527), 7.00 Kid-napped (55343), 8.00 The New Ad-ventures of Oliver Twist (62332), 10.00 Swallows and Amazons (1974) (23850), 12.00 Holiday on the Burg (1933) (23343), 2.00 (1974) (23530). 12304 Honlay on the Buses (1973) (22343), 2.00 Cloak & Dagger (1984) (93633). 4.00 The Philadelphia Experiment [1984) (4411). 6.00 Heart and Souls (1993) (80169), 8.00 Ace Venture: Pet Detective | 1994) (85614), 10.00 The Client (1994) (80541343). 12,05 Getting Out (1993) (939454). 140 Eureka (1981) (73465676). 3.50-6.00am There Are No Children Here (1993) (21784454).

SICY MOVIES GOLD 4.00pm The Lost Continent (1958) (570.11. 6.00 Muttry on the Buses (1973) (63427256). 7.40 PT 109 (1963) (34658986). 10.00 Nurs on the Run (1990) (449362). 11.40 The Tenant (1976) (55103430). 1.45-3.30am The Osterman Weekend (1983) (891676).

7.00am Give Us a Clue (7521850). 7.30 Going for Gold (2465879). 7.55 The Sullivans Omnibus (97417275). 10.00 Bergerad

(7546169), 11.00 Classic Sport (7559633), 12.00 Neighbours Omribus (71777275), 2.15 East-Enders Omnibus (86841091), 5.00 Till Death Us Do Part (9990546). 5.3S Get Some In! (6095256). 6.10 Syles (4244633). 6.45 It Ain't Half Syles (4244633), 6.45 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (1197275), 7.20 What a Carry On! (657S169), 7.55 Bread (1172091), 8.30 Colditz (26393430), 9.35 Tento (96397985), 10.40 Danger UXB (12471904), 11.45 Film: The FBI Murders (4077324), 1.30 Public Eye (4825657), 2.20-3.30am Shopping at Night (58769657). at Night (58769657).

SKY SPORTS

7.00pm Gillette World Sports 7.00em Gillette World Sports
Special (70492). 7.30 WWF- Raw
(51985). 8.30 Racing News
(97695). 9.00 Big Time Boxing:
Lennox Lewis v Ray Mercer
(72362). 11.00 Super League: Paris
v Leeds (58966). 1.00 European
Tour Golf: Spanish Open – Live
(119695). 4.00 The Asian Golf
Storm (76492). 5.00 Windel League (119695), 4.00 The Asian Golf Show (76492), 5.00 World League of American Football: Amsterdam v London And (5881922), 9.30 Ringside Boxing on the Road: Terry Dunstan v John "Buster" Kee (337508), 12.00 Rugby Union: Middlesex Sevens (46096), 2.00 FA Cup Final (62980), 3.30-5.30am Ringside Boxing on the Road (31251).

SKY SPORTS 2 7.00am Soccer AM – FA Cup Special (1801695). 11.00 Rugby Union: Middlesex Sevens – Live (2187782). 7.00 Skiff Salling (4337817). 7.30 FA Cup First (2023492). 9.00 Ford A cup rate (2023492), 9,000 fam Scorpio US PGA Gott; GTE Byron Nelson Classic – Live (9652411), 11.00-1.00am European Tour Gott: Spanish Open (4208492),

6.00am Video Box, 6.30 Home

Shopping, 7.00 Video Box, 8.00 425, 9.00 Midn & Body, 9.30 Weigh to Go. 10.00 Fashion Show, 10.30 Spanish Archer, 11.00 Video Box, 12.00 Canary Wharf Box. 12.00 Cenary Wharf
(Ornribus). 2.00 Mind & Body, 3.00
Sport Live. 5.00 Weigh to Go. 5.30
Fashion Show. 6.00 Video Box. 6.30
Spanish Archer. 7.00 425. 8.00 Nationweird. 9.00 Lunchbox Volley
Ball. 9.30 Why Files. 10.00 Topless
Darts. 10.30 Fashion Show. 11.00
Topless Darts. 11.30 Stand Up Live.
12.00 Lunchbox Volley Ball. 12.30
Weird Night. 1.00 Home Shopping.
1.30 Spanish Archer. 2.00 425. 1.30 Spanish Archer, 2.00 425. 3.00 The Sex Show. 3.30 Stand Up Live. 4.00 Fate & Fortune. 4.30 Why Files. 5.00 Video Box. S.30-6.00am

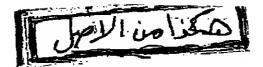
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Prebendary Douglas Cleverley Ford

Prebendary Douglas Cleverley Ford was a man of great ability. During a ministry of nearly 60 years he served his generation well - mainly in four

The first was as a parish priest: after a curacy in the sea-side town of Bridlington io Yorkshire he hecame vicar of Holy Trinity, Hampstead (1942-55), theo vicar of Holy Trinity with All Saiots, South Kensington, oear the Royal Albert Hall (1955-74). In both these churches he built up the con-gregations by the excellence of his preaching, to which he gave meticulous care, by his insis-tence on good music, and by his pastoral skill. People knew that if they went to him, especially if they were in trouble or perplexity, they would find a listening ear and an understand-ing mind. They knew that they

mattered - to him and to God. Secondly, he worked as a theological college lecturer and as the first Honorary Director of the College of Preachers (1960-73). He was a graduate of the London College of Divinity, after obtaining his degrees of at Loodoo University, and he served his college as lecturer

Regions

over many years. His students rector – a task which he comfound in him a man who could bined with his parochial work. speak with an authority derived from sound scholarship combined with pastoral experience. He had a lively mind.



The College of Preachers was born in 1960 as the result

of a small conference of people concerned with the poor state of preaching in the Church of England. It had no buildings and little finance. Its courses were held in a variety of places

bined with his parochial work, to the benefit of both. Many hundreds of clergy as well as Readers have him to thank for his care, for the lucidity of his lectures, and for the renewal of

their preaching work. He did more than any other man of his generatioo in raising the stan-dard of preaching in the Church The third sphere in which he excelled was as senior chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury (1975-80). During my years in that office I benefited

greatly from his work. In the nature of the case, that was mainly "behind the scenes". He was a man of sound judgement with whom one could share many of the problems which come to one's desk at Lambeth. He had a shrewd assessment of char-acter. He was loved by the staff at Lambeth, and his secretaries would do anything for him. His fourth skill was as a

writer. Over many years, he wrote prolifically, bearing in mind those to whom he had lectured. He desired to enable throughout the country. The preachers to do their work with college was fortunate in having honesty and enthusiasm and to enlist all the help at their dis-

posal in making preaching what it is intended to be - intelligent,

interesting, down to earth.
The influence of his writings however went far beyond the men and women in the pulpit. Through his books (such as Preaching Today, 1969; God's Masterpieces, 1991), through articles, through the notes he constantly wrote for the Bible Reading Fellowship, he reached many thousands of readers.

As a man, he was quiet. Like the Servant in Isaiah, he did not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street". He did not need to. Some would say be was reserved; but those who knew him best enjoyed his deliciously keen sense of humour which lightened many a difficult situation. Among the honours that

came to him, he was Rural Dean of Westminster (1965-74), Chaplain to the Queen (1973-84), and Prebendary of St Pauls. Donald Coggan Douglas William Cleverley Ford, priest: born 4 March 1914; or-dained deacon 1937, priest 1938; married 1939 Olga Bewley (died 1993); died Lingfield, Surrey 4

Luana Patten

Nine-year-old Luana Patten's first scene in Walt Disney's Song of the South (1947) shows her augrily snatching a puppy away from her rough-oeck older hrothers who are threatening to drown it. Later she gives the dog to Johnny (10-year-old Bobby Driscoll, who was to die in 1968 after years of comeback attempts and drug abuse), a boy miserable over the break-up of his parents' marriage. Harve Foster, who directed the film's live-action sequences, declared little Luana "a natural".

Song of the South was her second film; her first had been MGM's Little Mr Jim (1946), a syrupy tale of children on an army post, but Metro didn't recognise Luana Patteo's potential. Disney did, and followed up her Song of the South success with roles in Fun and Exercis Fine and Meloty Time. Fancy Free and Melody Time (both 1948, both part-cartoon, part-live action revues). In So Dear to My Heart (1949), another period story with anima tion scenes, she was again cast as Driscoll's sympathetic play-mate. Disney intended Johnny Tremain (1957) for his TV show. but this story of the American Revolution cost so much to



'A natural': Petten with James Ba Photograph: Ronald Grant Archive

film, it was decided to release it theatrically in the United States. It was Luana's last Disney film for nine years.
After teenager roles in such minor items as Joe Dakota,

Rock, Pretty Baby (both 1957) The Wonderful Years (1958), The Young Captives and The Mu-sic Box Kid (both 1960), Patten found herself back at the studio where she started, making

Home From the Hill, under the direction of Viceote Minnelli. MGM boosted its 1960 release with the excited words: "Home From the Hill is the answer to exhibitors' cry for New Paces, with the presentation of a trio of young people - George Peppard, George Hamilton and

Luana Patten – in roles important enough to establish them as potential star power for the future!" Despite the ballyhoo, MGM did more for the two Georges than for Luana, who was given unexciting roles in Go Naked in the World (1960) and Thunder of Drums (1961), and then forgotten.

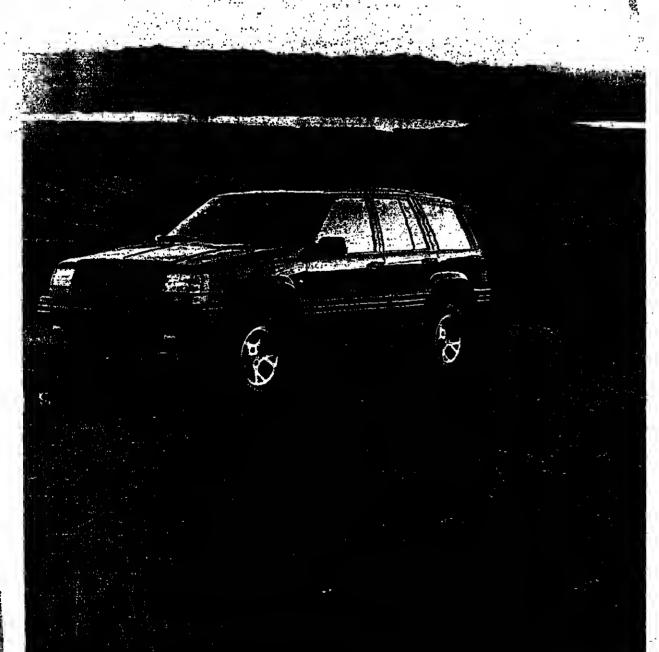
There were other films; she made the Civil War tear-jerker The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come (1961) at Fox, and the glutinous Boy Scouts tribute Fol-low Me, Boys! (1966) back at Disney, but Luana Patten, who had married in 1960, was content to settle, at the age of 28, for a 20-year film career.

Dick Vosburgh

Luana Patten, actress: born Long Beach, California 6 July 1938; married John Smith 1960 (marriage dissolved 1964); died Long







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Thought for the day faith **g**reason

The difficulties of religious broadcasting stem less from the presenters than from the gap between them and their audience, argues Andrew Brown.

The problem with Thought for the Day is oot that it seems to turn its presenters' brains to mayonnaise but that it has the same effect on listeners. I have often tried to listen to it, but even when I succeed I just end up shouting "You smarmy git" at the bedside ra-dio. More often, one's attention just dissolves and the talking about the matiog habits of tuna for all the imever said on it.

This makes the subject a gift for columnists. There are no vulgar facts to intrude, and, since no one can remember anything ever said on the programme, it is possible to use the sacking of seven presenters as proof of any conspiracy theory you like: that the BBC is in the hands of atheists, scientologists, opus deistas or incompetents. I can't myself see any pattern in it at all, except a certain boredom with people who have been doing it for years. The Venerable George Austin is a nice man and a good joke; sackiog him makes no theological statement. Father Oliver McTernan, whose opinions are opposed to George's on almost any subject cooceiv-able, has been sacked at the same time.

It would appear that the real difficulty for the producers in that the pool of religious taleot in Britain is pretty shallow. Eveo jouroalists on daily newspapers have now been approached to contribute to Thought for the Day. If preaching were wanted, the general standard is pretty ghastly, and anyooe who edits a column like this will know all too painfully how dreadful are most of the submissions received. Actually the problem is more subtle than that. Most priests and even theologians are educated people doing jobs they think worthwhile that bring them into contact with a huge range of human experience. They have a great deal to say and can express themseives well - so long as they are not asked to exhibit these gifts in public. The private letters that I get are almost without exceptioo thoughtful, cogent and eojoyable. The stuff meant for public coosumption is not.

Perhaps the problem is the time slot. Presumably, for a Christian broadcaster, the

Jesus: young, charismatic, impeccably orthodox - but above all a master of the pithy gospels record the sayings of Jesus, they are full of wonderfully hroadcastable chunks, which gain hugely from not being explicated too much. But a little mathematics will show that even presenter might as well be Jesus could not rescue Thought for the Day for very habits of tuna for all the im-pression he makes. Despite many parables there are in the great rush of opinion the Gospels, but the figure about the programme in the must be less than a hundred. last week, no one seems to That would last the productemember anything that was ers less than four months. There must be a limit to what can be said in a worthwhile and memorable way in

a couple of minutes. Another difficulty is the demand for topicality. This is bad enough wheo there is oo oews to stir the imaginatioo. It is a thousand times worse on those mercifully rare occasions when a religious response seems called for, even by the irreligious, like the Dunblane massacre. It seems to me that there are two possible religious responses to any sudden eruption of evil into the world. One is silence, revereot, attentive, and prolonged. The other was produced by a Saudi Minister of the Interior some years ago wheo a sudden stampede during the Haj pilgrimage crushed hundreds of pilgrims to death. "It was the will of God," he said, and closed the subject. Neither response would sit well on the Today

programme.
The second, Saudi, reaction cootains the germ of quite an interesting meditation on why Christianity should be superior to Islam. An orthodox Christian must be just as committed to the view that an omnipotent God in some sense wills everything that happens. But the Christian worldview has at least the potential for tragedy: an awareoess that there is something stubborn and valuable in human beings to which submission to the will of God does not come easily, and perhaps not even oaturally.

Already, I hear listeners yawning. The natural form for radio is a story, which is why the best radio preachers are fundamentalists. By far the liveliest Christian radio is the most reprehensible: oo one ever came away from Jimmy Swaggart bored. The only other people with as much story-relling in their culture are rabbis such as Lionel Blue - and all everyone remembers about him is that he model Thinker would be told stories about food,

Church

appointments

Canon John Garton, Vicar, Cuddesdon and Principal of Ripon College, Cuddesdon, diocese of Oxford, to be Suffragan Bishop of Plymouth, diocese Exeter, succeeding the Right Rev Richard Hawkins, Suffragan Bishop of Crediton, same diocese. The Ven John Packer, Archdencon of West Cumberland, diocese of Carlisle, to be Suffragan Bishop of Warrington, diocese Liverpool,

succeeding the Right Rev Michael Henshall, who retires in October, Canon Anthony Priddis, Rector of Amersham with Coleshill, diocese of Oxford, to be Suffragan Bishop of Warwick, diocese Coventry, succeeding the Right Rev Clive Handlord, Rishop designate of Cyprus and the Gulf. Canon Trevor McCabe, Vicar, Manaccan with St Anthony-in Meneage and St Martin-in-Me (Truro): to be Archdeacon of Com-

to r

The drive to equality sweeps through con-temporary history like a tide. Its headwa-ters deepened even when Lady Thatcher, the arch-priestess of inequality of income and wealth, was in power. In a Conservative accep-tance of the value of equal opportunity and treatment, backbench Tories have bad to sit there whingeing about political correctness even as the Cahinet Office published guidelines for its black, disabled and gay employees as indi-viduals deserving equal treatment. Britain bas become more unequal in terms of income distribution, but also arguably more equal in terms of treatment. Black people, disabled people and people labelling themselves as pos-sessing different and distinct sexual personalities are recognised in public policies as possessors of the same civic identity as everyone else. They demand recognition of their special characteristics, measures to prevent

discrimination and promote equal treatment.
This pursuit of the right to self-determination springs from the same sources as the individualism that underpinned tax cuts as incentives to self-interested effort. The same philosophy of individual assertion stimulates disabled people to demand, as a right, ramps in public huildings and gay people to be openly bomosexual and a corporal in the Scots Guards.

One very good reason the Thatcher govern-ment was unable to do away with the Commis-sion on Racial Equality or the Equal Opportunities Commission was the force of the arguments against discrimination coming from the Tories' own liberal economics. One very good reason the Government has to live with the European Convention on Human Rights and accompanying (unti-British) judgments by the Strasbourg Court is the individuality of the economic and constitutional elements of liberal individualism. You cannot at one and the same time oppose compulsory trade union membership and say individual gay people have no rights as individuals when confronted with prejudice and discrimination. What the Conservatives have never quite figured is that their own individualism is a protean force but one that makes constant demands on government and society to recog-nise individual rights. The "right" to be individual is often meaningless unless it has the sanction of the state and its courts.

As the dominant principle ordering our sociery it makes the specific instance of whether to employ gay people in the Armed Forces an open and shut case, doesn't it? Just as angry disap-pointment is the only reaction to cases of black soldiers victimised and rejected by the army, so the exclusion from the ranks of open homosex-uals looks like another example of our core prinuals tooks like another example of our core prin-ciple being flouted. Radio listeners yesterday may have heard the leader of the Labour Party twisting on the contradictions of his own position on Edwina Currie's amendment to the Armed Forces Bill. [She would have overturned the official ban on avowed homosexuals serving in the forces.) Tony Blair says he opposed the ban in principle but he couldn't support overturning it because it was opposed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. So much for the power of a prime minister over the military in a civilian democracy.



men have been so mealy-mouthed. What they have wanted to say, presumably, is that gay people are subversive of military good order because they are disposed to behave in certain ways. The army, like the navy and air force, are burcaucratic and hierarchic organisations. They depend sometimes - by no means always - on communal solidarity in the ranks and need to guard against a great variety of dispositions: lowards stealing in barracks, drinking at moments of stress, killing except on command and so forth.

But the law does not forbid kleptomaniaes, alcoholics and homicidal maniaes from becoming soldiers. What it does do is proscribe all those behaviours which defeat the purpose of a standing, professional army (and one, incidentally, having to adapt to a growing diversity of purposes). Whether recruits are homosexual is irrelevant unless and until it leads them to act contrary to military purpose.
Il will not do, however, to label the Joint Chiefs

of Staff homophobic and leave it there. They believe, and it is a common enough view, that many homosexuals have grown up in a sexual cul-ture in which libido is rampant and promiscuity unrestrained to such an extent that it might cause mayhem in the harracks. Such a view of bomosexuality is not confined to the upper echelons of the officer's mess. It is worn as a badge of pride and a source of common identity by leading gay

Andrew Sullivan, the British-American writer, argues that gay men have a special calling. Their

Yet one of his problems is that the military | vocation rests on their non-participation in demanding households and it is one of creativity and radical reappraisal. Homosexuals are insurgents. Mr Sullivan's view is a variant of a position most gay men would subscribe to. To be true to our individual natures we have to present ourselves as different, they say, and be proud of it. So what if they are different in ways that do turn out to be subversive of order and institutional purpose?

The answer is that different rules must apply to public and private space, so far as they can be separated. Privately, let difference blossom. Publicly, individual rights of belonging and purticipation and access may have to be matched by some suppression of "difference" in the name of efficiency of suppress of Government and instituefficiency of purpose. Government and institu-tions can establish wide areas in which public rules apply. Squaddies are the same to all intents and purposes, on parade, in the mess and pinned and purposes, on parade, in the mess and pinned down in Gorazde. In that space equality rules. Pass the training course, muster out — sexual orientation irrelevant. Are barracks bedrooms, sleeping quarters below decks, public spaces for this purpose? Yes they are: liberal rules of entry apply; but once inside, institutional rules of conduct hold and they may well restrict the scope for "difference" for "difference".

Individualism has not run its course. Classes and groups may still, justifiably, claim discrimination and obstruction in their access to the public spaces of our society. But those spaces are not playgrounds. In them strict rules of conduct legitimately apply. In them formal equality may require us to look and hehave the same.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ■

with the universal comprehen-sive school. Parents have been demonstrating for decades

their commitment to good sec-

ondary education and this is not just the parents of the eight per cent who opt for independent schools but the unknown but

large number who choose

where they live having estab-lished in advance that the local

state schools are of a high stan-

dard. They do not wish to see

destructive levelling out hy imposition of a single style of

school and many are uncon-

vinced of the evils of selection.

There must be a recognition of the fact that there are
different problems in differ-

ent geographical areas and

that, contrary to Gillian Shep-hard's assertions, resources

are all important. Schools with more problem children

should be helped by allocation

of larger budgets, enabling

smaller class sizes and higher

Computers used

as expensive toys

Sir: How refreshing it was to read Stephen Read's letter (9

May) that "Net surfing is not a computer skill". I read his let-

ter the day after I was informed

that I am to be made redundant

from my teaching post after 20

Though I am employed in an

expanding grammar school, I

am told there is insufficient

demand for my subject. I leach

Economics, but seemingly

modern-day students are not

knowledge associated with such

My school will shortly be

removing Economics from its

curriculum, with my post being

classified as financially unten-

able. Yet, less than 12 months

ago, a vast sum of money was

spent equipping the school with

the tatest in computer

These machines are used

the students trying to access the

latest Oasis Weh page or trying to locate which N-rated sites

have been missed by the facil-

An opportunity to create

flexibility of thought, confi-

dence and an interest in learn-

ing from experience through an

excellent A level examination

will be last. We do appear to

have confused educational

ity provider's censor.

years service.

technology.

DR MARK WANSBROUGH-

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quality leachers.

Seeking a radical approach to lifelong learning

Sir: Gordon Brown (7 May) is right to calt for a radical review of educational support for young people. Claus Moser's priorities 1"A blueprint for schools under Labour". 8 May) are slowly for radical review of education one the schools under Labour 18 May) are slowly for radical review of education one the schools under Labour 18 May). are right for a sound initial education system. But the radicalism should include a really sharp look at where the con-stant prolongation of initial

education is taking us, Keeping a bigger and higger proportion of young people in education risks becoming something of a political virility symbol. It does little to make the distribution of life chances fairer, and imposes huge strains on institutions which are often

teenage males - to learn outside educational institutions. A properly structured and staffed national environmental service would be one appropriate initiative, enabling young

motivation to learn is there. Generously resourced FE colleges would be in the forefront here. Anyone who has inter-viewed or taught adult returners knows how powerful their motivation is, once they have decided that the time is right.

Stuffing more and more young people behind desks may help the unemployment fig-ures in the sbort term. If there is no genuine pay-off for them, it will not succeed for more not well equipped to bear them.
The resources would be hetter spent in two directions.
than a small minority. A radical approach to lifelong learning means shifting the halance First, provide real opportunities between initial schooling and - and hoping it won't go pop.

> Director Education

TOM SCHULLER

I was disappointed, bowever, in some of his views about secondary education. I doubt that pupils, recently relieved of the burden of pursuing large numbers of subjects to examination standard for GCSE, would wel-

come his advocacy of "replac-ing A-levels with a truly broad and flexible examination".

A-levels represent their first opportunity to focus on a small number of areas in greater depib and one of the advances noticed by parents of my gen-eration is that pupils can now choose a mixture of subjects they enjoy and think they can for young people - especially continuing education, not just excel in rather than convenblowing the halloon up higger tional groups of sciences, languages or arts. At the same time, small and diverse modules can be taken without the Centre for Continuing restriction of passing exams.

I was also disturbed by Sir

Hizbollah and the UN camp

a haby survived the Holocaust. I am appalled at the massacre at the UN camp at Qana but no one, in the world's enthusiasm to condemn Israel yet again, has asked why the UN was allowing Hizbollah to operate tion of what was intended.

The UN's spokesman, Sylvana Foa, is quoted as claiming that they couldn't tell who the Hizbollah fighters were because one, in the world's enthusiasm to condemn Israel yet again, has asked why the UN was allowing Hizbollah to operate so close to their camp and even to seek refuge within the camp

from Israeli fire. Permitting Hizbollah activity so close to the UN camp was bound to result in the camp itself heing targeted. Surely such actions give a different interpretation to Israel's attack on the area than the UN is pro-

It grieves me that the world

P J Stewart (Letters, 3 May), there is plenty of "theological justification" for Muslims to sacrifice sheep at the time of the haj, whether in Mecca or elsewhere.

Not only are there numerous Prophetic directives concerning the excellence of sacrifice at this time, but there are also considerably more Koranic references to the subject than the single one he mentions, in particular those in Chapters 5 (The Table), 22 (The Pilgrimage) and 48 (The Conquest). And given that Mecca has always been a place of sacrifice and that the distribution of the meat is a secondary consideration, it is not a "logical step" to send money for food aid to poor countries instead. Rather, most people's haj would be incomplete in a legal sense if

European interested in acquiring the interest rates

Sir: People may be baffled by the European single currency but the debate on this important issue is not enhanced by the naive comments of David Vigar, Director of Communications, of The European

Movement (Letters, 9 May). He suggests that few people largely as expensive toys with are aware that British interest rates would be lower if we were part of a European currency. Mr Vigar can't make this assertion. True. Germany has lower interest rates than Britain. However, the European interest rate (from 1999 onwards) is not going to be governed by German interest rates alone, but by the average

of countries who join.
Furthermore. Mr Vigar should be aware it is real interest rates that matter. Germany has lower rates because it has a lower inflation rate, and an economy facing far more probtems. In real or inflationadjusted terms, long-term interest rates in the UK are broadly the same as Germany. Real short-term rates are higher in the UK, but that's only because the authorities in this country don't want (or need) them any lower, whereas the Germans are desperately driving their

> GRAHAM TURNER Chief Economist Tokai Bank Europe London, EC2

Sir: I am not a politician, I am an ordinary Britisb Jew who as the 60 deaths of innocent Jews on Israeli huses when there was no possible misinterpreta-

> they did not wear uniforms or carry signs. How can Israel be expected to differentiate refugees from Hizbollah fighters from the air, when the UN admits it cannot on the ground? In fact it looks as though the UN was actually harbouring those who seek to destroy

AGNES SPIER Sbeffield

Prophetic calls for ritual sacrifice

Sir: Contrary to the assertion of there was not some sacrifice on their behalf actually in the environs of Mecca, although according to the well-attested Madinan school of Islamic law, the preferred way of doing has does not actually require a pil-

grim to sacrifice at all. Finally, I am amazed at D W Evans' attitude to the propbet Abraham and the "barbarous" Old Testameni (Letters, 3 May). Have people no respect for the great men of God whose practices such festivals commemorate? And have people completely forgotten the literal meaning of the word "sacrifice" and all that it entails, both physically and spiritually, in favour of a merely metaphorical usage?

Dr YASIN DUTTON Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies University of Edinburgh

Blake's love of England

Sir: The recent correspondence on the subject of William Blake's "Jerusalem" demonstrates how easy it is to sneer. The poem was part of a larger work, and it is not

Blake's fault that it has subsequently been taken out of context, set to music and used in all manner of situations which he could have no knowledge of. It is a "what if?" poem, in

which he speculates upon what might be the imaginative and spiritual significance for him if it were true that Jesus Christ, whom he loved, had actually visited England, which he also loved - and where he everywhere saw acts of exploitation and cruelty.

VICTOR WATSON Cambridge

Sir: I am impressed by the ignorance, perhaps naivety, of colleagues and others who have written to you about the hymn "Jerusalem". Once I too was perplexed by its steady reappearance at country weddings. At last, one afternoon, the scales fell from my eyes.

The groom in front of me sang the words with fervour and mounting excitement until, at the line "Bring me my arrows of desire" he could not resist making what were no doubt in his eyes appropriate gestures. But that was in the diocese of Hereford.

Herefordians take things as they find them! This "folk" appreciation of the hymn may account for at

least one kind of clerical dis-The Rev C J R ARMSTRONG

Feeling cheated

I thought it was all a hit too easy. Yesterday's tahloid revelations concerning the visit a deux to St Tropez by Tory MP Rupert Allason and a winsome violinist seemed to have involved remarkably little effort on the part of the crusading journalists who penned them. Strangely, Mr Allason did very little to escape

DAVID

detection. Events seem to have unfolded thus: Mr Aliason went newspaper in the High Court, Casuals (stonewashed jeans, jumper draped over shoulders). drove to the airport, flung his arms around the fair fiddler, sal next to her on a plane, look a taxi to a "hotel lovenest", went on the heach (where she took her top off), read a spy novel or two and then came home with

Such behaviour required his intrepid stalkers to sort of follow him about, take lots of unobstructed pictures (including the ohligatory empty bed) with an ordinary lens, and occupy a neighbouring lounger on the beach while pretending to read a Jackie Collins. Nice work if you can get it, hul hardly James Bond,

The day after the story appeared, Allason's insouciance was explained when he revealed that actually he had split up with the wife a couple of years earlier, at which the newspaper which had been following him tried, rather bizarrely, to suggest that in fact they were still a devoted and happily married couple ("New Twist To Allason Affair").

What, of course, gave Alla-son away as not really being a love cheat was the entire absence of deception. Had he travelled alone wearing dark glasses and a frock, stayed in a single room at a seedy pension, disappeared each evening hy Lambretta and been seen in cafes playing chess with septuagenarian male amputees then we would have known that something was up.

That's why all the books and magazines that offer advice to commit it, lay the stress on

normality - discovering deviance from it, or maintaining the veneer of it. "Is your partner sud-denly available at different or unusual times, and unavailable at times when previously she was with you?" "Does he avoid cer-tain places, like particular restau-rants?" Increased sex drive is a sign, as is a declining sex drive. Or, my favourite: "Is there a new odour signature?" Make of that

what you will. straight from losing a mali-cious falsehood case against a signs included your husband sitting on the palace roof spying changed into Rich Author's on Bathshcha bathing, or (if you were unlucky enough to be called Uriah the Hittite and Bathsheba was your other half) finding yourself suddenly sent to the bit of a battle where the most smiting was going on.

Today, it's easier. Strange numbers on your itemised phone hill, odd charges on your wife's credit card statements ["The Honeymoon suite: 1 night. £200"), breathlessness when he answers his mobile - all these are dead giveaways. In 1996, there are more ways of catching out a

cheating partner than ever. Yet, according to the surveys. it's going on more than ever: 60 per cent of men and 40 per cent of women will stray, apparently, from which you can draw two possible conclusions. First, folk could just be lying to researchers about all this adultery to cheer themselves up; or. second, somebow they're getting away with it, becoming extraordinarily adept at cover-

ing their tracks. One male adulterer, offering help to fellow would-be cheats. suggests always keeping a beer in the fridge, so that you can rush in and take a swig, thus disguising an evening speni in a low dive with a floozie. He also recommends - when returning home from an assignation in the wee bours - plonking a glass of water in front of the bedside clock, making it harder for your sleepy partner to see just how

So there you are, then - the new adultery test. Is there always a heer in your fridge? Where exactly does be put that tumbler when he comes up to either on detecting adultery, or (in these wicked times) on how rapture, does he call you rapture, does he call you Ahmed? It could he a sign.

QUOTE UNQUOTE

Labour put up taxes like donkeys have fleas – John Major He has got to stop trying to balance everything - John Townend.

Tory Euro-sceptic, on Mr Major's approach to the beef ban

Anybody who believes we are going to modernise the welfare state without making tough choices is wrong. That is not what new Labour is about - Gordon Brown, Shadow Chancellor

I and my colleagues spent nearly £250,000 of taxpayers' money between 1991 and 1994 on observing newts - Prof Herbert Mac-Gregor, head of zoology, Leicester University

What the loyalists do best is kill Catholics, and that's the threat hanging over people at this time - Gerry Adams, Sum Fein president We are net contributors to the EU, costing hillions yearly. Any hand-outs to Britain are foreigners' decisions about how to spend some of our own money - Lord Wyatt of Weeford

He loses interest. He doesn't sit and watch it the whole time. He's not like us - Phyllis Bell of the Oregon Coast Aquarium, Pontland. on a whale who has a 32-inch TV to keep him mentally stimulated I have been sentenced to six weeks in a pub. it could be work? - Nigel Nelson, political editor of the 'People', who set up office in the Red Lion after being banned from Parliament for 20 days for Pwilheli, Gwynedd | nllegedly disclosing security information



The Spitfire: nostalgic icon linked to Europe today

Sir: "Let's have something knocking, but not too unch it is an icon of course - faced with a hit of nostalgia, some homespun psychobabble and. of course, to make it relevant a hit of linkage with our atta-

tude to Europe today Thus, I assume, ran the remit from Tuesday morning's editorial conference before the publication of Jonathan Glancey's article "Brilliant hut flawed; the Spitfire is a mirror

character" (8 May). Don't bother about checking the facts, though it was all

But. t) The Spitfire was not "cobbled together on a smacstring" but an ingenious adaptation to military tanction started in 1953, of the Supermanne regord-breaking floor planes tof which Mr Glanes makes no menuora.

2t The Japanese Zero tincidentally, the illustration showed a Nakajima 97 "Kate" torpedo-bomber) was nothing to do with "American Prototypes" but a development of the Russian LA 5's captured in Manchuria and which had given the Japanese Air Force a bad time during the Khalkin Ghot hattles.

3) Design work on the P51 Mustang did not start until 1940, seven years later than the Spittire in fact the earlier versions, type A36, were dangerously underpowered and this was not cared until the Rolls-Royce Metlin subcontracted to Packard reptaced

the American Allison engine. As for German planes being "technologically superior". Mr Glurcey should perhaps have checked this out with General Galland who asked Goering if he could not have just one squadron of Spitfires.

ALAN CLARK Saltwood, Kent

Learning to read Bull bar deaths

Sir. I write as a retired teacher with 14 years experience in an inner London primary school. The Government's idea that duced his campaign against poor teaching is responsible for low standards in reading (report, 8 Mayt is too simplistic. Owing to a dearth of nurs-

cry schools, bad housing conditions and poor parenting extra deaths each year, a large will enjoy the joke. some children, aged live, arrive proportion of them children. at school with a lack of mouvation and poor concentration. I deplote the Government's lack of funding to the Reading

Recovery Scheme, which enables these children to have the individual attention they need. DORDTHY E AYEST

Sir: The Road Minister, Steven Norris, was reported as "fighting back toars" as he introspeeding drivers [8 May]. Was this the same Steven Norris who a few weeks ago blocked an all-party Bill to han bull bars. These bull bars cause many

> DJ WEARS Halstead, Essex

Birthday badge

months."

Uckfield. East Sussex

Sir: Stephen Read (Letters, 9 May) ignores what is obvious to

Sir: This afternoon I bought a birthday card for my grand-daughter, including a hadge with the figure 2 on it. Unwrapping the card I found a warning inside which read: "Not suitable for children under 36 At least Hannah's parents

DOROTHY EVANS

objectives.

parents who watch as their children play computer games well-selected entertainment software encourages precisely the literacy he is seeking: "the ability to analyse situations, flexibility of thought, confidence in intuition and an interest in learning from experience." We have moved on from mere shoot-em-up games.

BILL STONEHAM

Maidstone, Kent

rates down to combat recession and rising unemployment. ROLANO MILES Redhill

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From actress to national institution

The naming of an Oxford fellowship after her is an apt tribute to the absolutely fabulous British heart-throb, says Liz Hunt

there are two hlondes who hold a special place in the hearts of thirtysomething British men. One is Alexandra Bastedo, the perfectly-coiffed, perfectly enig-matic star of the late Sixties television series The Champions. She played a woman for whom the word allure was invented, and whose superhuman powers had been con-ferred upon her by Tibetan monks.

The other was Joanna Lumley, the high-kicking, sexy yet pragmatic Purdey of The New Avengers. A woman whose unique "wash and go" hanstyle launched a thousand look-a-likes in the mid-1970s, and whose special powers were due entirely, one felt, to hours spent on the lacrosse field.

Exposure during their formative years to these televisual ideals of womanhood was crucial to the sexual development of a generation of men. "You have no idea," says a fan, dreamy-eyed with nostalgia. "They were your first eccounter with truly glamorous older women. Alexandra pierced your subconscious in a way you didn't understand at the time because you need too young. They the time because you were too young. Then came Joanna, just when you were heginning to understand it all ..."

Perhaps that is why Joanna, 50, who this week had a fellowship christened after her at Oxford University, is the blonde who now occupies pride of place in the thirtysome-thing male psyche. They were just discov-ering sex when they discovered Purdey, with ful. Joanna Lumley has grown older with her fans, sharing her successes and failures, and her opinions with them in a very public way. And then, at an age when some actresses are hitting the hottle in despair, she has hlossomed as a major comic talent and created a national institution in Patsy, the chain-smoking, coke-sniffing, permanently sozzled super-bitch, the mother-of-all parodies, in Absolutely Fabulous. Patsy is up there in the sit-com hall of fame along with Basil Fawity, Reginald Perrin, and Victor Meldren.

They are, of course, all men. Successful funny women are rare, and Lumley's persona of sex-bomb-with a-sense-of-humour has been her ace. From ambitious young photographic model in the Sixties to fledgling actress - she was Ken Barlow's upper-class griffriend for a time in Coronation Street - via Bond girl status in On Her Majesty's Secret Service, the Avengers, and the dreadful Sapphire and Steel, she played it straight. But the humour was there, lurking beneath the glam surface, as if at any moment she would crack

up, with the laughter directed at herself more than any other individual.

It is not only men who regard her with affection. She is popular with women, too, and perhaps it is women who have the greater debt to La Lumley. Over the years her sharp intelligence, her independence—she was a frowned-upon single mother in

She came top of a celebrity panel asked to sit the Common Entrance exam, scoring just 2 per cent less than AJP Taylor in the history paper

her pudding-basin haircut and stockings and the Sixties - her talent and glamour, and suspenders.

In truth, there was never any contest. Alexandra Bastedo, also 50, was always a little hit too exotic, and certainly too humourless for real appreciation from British men. "She was a woman to be put on a pedestal. Joanna you always knew would get the joke," says another long-term fan.

Ms Bastedo, it is true, has fostered a lower profile in the years since her smallscreen stardom, and this has not been helpher outspoken commitment to good causes, and, above all, her triumph over the menopausal years, have shown that it is possible to be all things to all men without alienating them, scaring them off or becom-

Undoubtedly, she has some advantages. "I met her at a Speciator lunch about nine years ago, when she was first entering intellectual life. She was dazzlingly beautiful. One was just awe-struck: a-b-sol-ute-ly awe-struck,"



Joanna Lumley: she shows it is possible to be all things to all men Graham Whitby

says one jaded connoisseur of both intellect and beauty. But was she interesting, what did she have to say? "Some women are beauti-ful, most are not. She was," is his final word

She is that and more, summed up by some She is that and more, summed up by some seminal Lumley milestones. She came top of a panel of celebrities asked to sit the public schools Common Entrance exam by a newspaper, scoring just 2 per cent less than AJP Taylor in the history paper, then there was a sponsored strip before a bemused Terry Wogan on Children in Need in the Eighties: she was a columnist on the Times, and a member of the Booker Prize panel in 1984. And since 1980 she has tried hard to bonour a commitment she made to do at least one straight stage-play every year, including Hedda Gabler, The Cherry Orchard, and most recently Somerset Maugham's The

Joanna Lumley's dedication to animal and environmental causes is renowned. In 1994 she emerged in tears from a film on the export of live animals for slaughter, and ear-lier this year she made headlines again when she took a piglet to Parliament as a member of a delegation from Compassion in World Farming. When the oil tanker the Sea Empress foundered at Milford Haven in February, Ms Lumley sent a personal letter of protest to the Prime Minister.

It actions such as these that have prompted the Friends Provident Financial Group to sponsor a research fellowship at Green College, Oxford, in Joanna Lumley's name. The company specialises in ethical investments, and the fellowship is for postgraduate research into environmental or wildlife issues, particularly in Africa. In PR terms it is an excellent move — the combiterms it is an excellent move - the combination of Patsy and Oxford has proved irresistible to journalists. But there is a serious side; Ms Lumley has served on the Reference Committee of Friends Provident for six years, and the fellowship marks her stepping

With Patsy and Ah Fab effectively laid to last special is planned for the antumn - the Green College fellowship would be a fitting epitaph to an extraordinary career. Ms Lumley says she would be happy for it to end, as she wants to spend time with her husband, the opera conductor Stephen Barlow. "I am quite looking forward to not being up there, and if necessary I shall construct my own dismounting process," she has said. But she has also said that "I can't stop taking an interest in the next thing ... Roll on the next thing.

Let's face it, no one looks good in lime-green

Tamsin Blanchard knows why we wear unflattering colours

pens, they have transformed quite sane women and men into tooking like the contents of a tooking like the contents of a packet of Opal Fruits. The sweets might be mouthwatering, but bright orange and limegreeo clothes were made to make your eyes water and put your teeth on edge. And yet, these are the colours of the summer of '96. If you haven't already bought anything in what fashion commeotators describe as shades of citrus. describe as shades of citrus, chances are, by the end of the summer, you will have suc-cumbed - either out of a temptation to look fashiooable and modern, or desperation that there is nothing else available.

The last time the British high street saw so much vivid colour was in the early Eighties when there was a fad for day-glo yellow and fluorescent

pink. Soon after that shocking outburst - no wonder people started wearing sunglasses after dark - the shops were swamped with serious hlack, which was relieved by neutral shades of beige towards the end of the decade, Fashion moves in cycles, and the backlash against hland colours has kicked

in. But don't be fooled. While you may think that the huyers and designers of the highstreet stores are

working with you in mind, there are very few people of pasty, northern European complexions who can get away with wearing colours that are best left in the fruit howl. So how did this acid explosion happen? And who allowed

it to happen? You cannot blame the innocent consumer (these colours do not differentiate between the sexes) for presuming that they should be wearing lime-green and orange when the shops are full of it. The responsibility lies with fashion forecasting agencies, such as Design Intelligence in London.

womenswear, is one of a team who, twice a year, meets with the International Colour Board and the British Colour Board to

The tyranny of the fashion we will be wearing two years bence. The information is theo published for fabric manufacturers who set the dye works in motion. In turn, the international designers make up the fahrics and show their designs tn the buyers and fashion press a seasoo before they will be on sale to the fashion élite. After that, the high-street chains join the merry-go-round. For the past few mooths, fashion pages have been singing the praises of citrus fruit tones and the retailers have been rubbing their hands, waiting for the tills to

ring.
So it was two years ago that
Design Intelligence helped
determine that orange and lime would be the colours for this summer. Whether or not the colour will suit anyone does not appear to have come into consideration. While Mr Tomlin agrees that citrus colours do not

suit many people, he thinks that is a minor irrelevance. The cluthes-buying public is credited with little intelligence and the montality of a flock of sheep: once one person wears it. confidence will grow and everyone else will fullow. Colour therapists

arc worried, however. They do not have the cynicism of the fashion and textile industries. The spread of limegreen could have a serious affect on the well-being of population.

According to one therapist, orange is bad for the aura, giving off negativity and fear. And while grass-green and sage-green are life enhancing, lime-green is thoroughly unhealthy for those who wear it and those who have to look

The only way to buck the rend is to do yourself, and everyone else a favour, and don't buy it. There are alternatives - how about good oldfashioned black, white, and navy, or lifac or aqua blue? All are widely available, cowering on the rails behind the dazzle Kevan Tomlin, head of of lime and orange. But be resolute and prepare for next summer. The cogs are already in motion and the fruit bowl has been raided once again. The pull information together that colour to run from in the sumwill decide the cotour palette mer of 1997? Grapefruit.

America paralyses Lebanon's anger

To stifle UN outrage after the Qana massacre threatens a wounded people, says Anthony Parsons

Whatever the outcome of the pre-seot row at the United Nations in New York about the Israeli bomb-ing of Qana, the Middle East peace process is unlikely to be affected. Its future will depend on forces outside the UN: the result of forthcoming tsraeli elections and progress or oth-erwise in Palestinian/Israeli and Syrian/Israeli negotiations.
Today's crisis is about the Lebanon,

an intrinsically unaggressive country, with has suffered far heavier civilian casualties as a consequence of the Arab-Israeli dispute than any other state in the region. I confess that I have only the slimmest expectation that the United States, with its veto power and identification with Israel, will permit the Security Council to take positive action which could be hetpful to the peopte of Lebanoo, indeed, the reverse is now on the cards if Unifil is furced by Israeli pressure to withdraw from Lebanon. For years, UN Security Council

discussion of the Arab-Israeli dispute has tended toward one of two results either a resolution so innocuous as to be meaningless, or an American voto of anything critical of Israet. The American and Israeli aversion to Security Council involvement has converged, the public rationale since 1991 being that with the parties now in direct negotiation, outside interference must be avoided.

On the whole, this policy has carried the day. With the end of the Cold War, the relegation of Russia to spectator status and Saddam Hussein's exposure of the Arab need for American power, Arab governments have largely abandoned recourse to the Council. The Americans have in fact only had to cast one veto since 1990.

In the "bad old days" before the New World Order, Lebanese governmentairequently brought to the Coun-cil is seli attacks on or invasion of their territory, running into 10 American vetoes between 1982 and 1988.



The present Lebanese government has

Even in the face of the ferocity of the Israeli retaliation against Hizbol-lah last month, the Arab world held its hand for several days while 10 per cent of the population of Lebanon were driven from their homes, ports were closed, electricity installations near Beirut were bombed, the coast road subjected to shelling and civilian casualties mounted. It was only after more than 100 civilians were killed by Israeh artillery fire in the UN base at Qana that the Security Council was mobilised. It is a measure of current American power that an Arab draft resolution condemning Israel and calling for withdrawal from the "security zone" secured only four votes (five less than the minimum of nine out of 15 required for adoption, provided a

veto is not exercised) and the eventual

resolution, adopted unanimously on 18 April, made no mention of Israet and avoided any suggestion of blame for what had happened at Qana and

This almost inaudible international bleat may have been preferable at the time to a bad-tempered debate culminating in an American veto, but it cannot have appeased the outrage felt by Lebanese of all sectarian and religious persuasion as Israeli artillery, aircraft and gunboats continued to pound away

A General Assembly dehate provided an opportunity for Arab delegations, including the president of Lebanon, to let off steam but, when the ceasefire came into effect on 26 April, it looked as though the curtain had fallen on the insignificant play in New York.

The report on Qana by the UN

General Franklin van Kappen and its public circulation to Security Council members by the Secretary General has brought the curtain back up with a jerk, revealing a major diplomatie

row. The report is meticulously drafted, giving full space to the Israeli point of view. However, van Kappen's finding is that "while the possibility cannot be ruled out completely, it is unlikely that the shelling of the United Nations compound was the result of gross technical and/or procedural errors". In his covering note, the Secretary General, while setting out the Israeli view-operational mistakes and technical failures compounded by chance - effectively endorses van

According to reports, the Israelis 'absurd' and are talking of the necessity for Unifil to be withdrawn. The Nations between 1979 and 1982.

Kappen's findings.

Americans are said to have exploded with rage at the Secretary General. Arab delegates are talking of a resotution condemning Israel and demanding compensation. The rest of the Council, including Britain, seem to be keeping their heads helow the parapet, although the British ambas-sador was reported as saying that the report must be taken seriously. The Americans will try hard to bury the report, with the Council at most "taking note" of it. It remains to

bury the report, with the Council at most "taking note" of it. It remains to be seen whether they can prevail on the Arabs to comply. If not, and there is a resolution critical of Israel, it will be vetoed if, which is not certain, it secures nine votes; much will depend on the four Western members, including Britain, which will come under

strong, conflicting pressures.

American readiness to paralyse the Security Council on Israel's behalf has long been taken for granted in New York, but still excites resentment: Washington is unlikely to be the flavour of the month either in the UN or the Middle East as a result of this crisis. Conversely, the fact that the Secretary General and his staff have been prepared to stand up and be counted in public will do the UN as an institution a power of good in a targe oum-

ber of states. It will be tragic if the ordinary peo-ple of south Lebanon have to suffer further as a consequence of this diplomatic storm. Without Israeli co-operation, Unifil could not remain in the south and the Americans can easily veto the renewal of its mandate. Unifil has never been able to carry out its full functions, but, for 18 years, it has provided some protection for local inhabitants. If Unifil leaves, they will be in greater danger than before from both sides. This consideration should surely

have dismissed the report as Sur Anthony Pursons was UK Permanent Representative to the United

weigh with the policy makers.

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Lloyd's close to final deal with names

The Lloyd's insurance market yesterday appeared to be well on the way to clinching a deal with its aggrieved members af-ter confirming the details of a £1.2hn improvement in its set-tlement offer.

Although some members said the new proposals did not go far enough, leaders of the main action groups fighting Lloyd's made clear they thought it would probably be enough to persuade members to vote in favour during the summer. But many still plan to press for more help for the hardest hit. able areas have been made

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| Lloyd's settlement offer: | £2.8bn | | £3.1bn |
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ward. "By making these changes we believe some of the less palat-David Rowland, chairman of more acceptable to members Lloyd's, said the settlement was the only practicable route for-situation greatly improved."

Michael Deeny, chairman of the largest action group, Gooda Walker, and of the litigating names' committee and a member of Lloyd's ruling council

nificantly increases the chance of it succeeding."

Members (ALM), the higgest names representative body with 9,000 members, welcomed the offer, but also called for pensions for clderly names who have been ruined by Lloyd's. John Mays, chairman of the Merrett names association, said My view is that the cost is com-

are going up and it has a much better chance of flying."
However, Christopher Stockwell, chairman of the Lloyd's Names Association Working Party, said: "This is nothing like

ing down and the contributions

Devonshire Names' Action Group, said the £300m increase The Association of Lloyd's in the settlement fund was "meagre and disappointing" and he called for further aid for ruined names. He also warned that "Lloyd's troubles over fraud and breaking of regulations in the US may cause the collapse of the settlement."

In California, a court cleared the way for renewed legal actions by the state against the market, which are expected to have the backing of the US Securities and Exchange Commission. But in a separate Tennessee decisioo Lloyd's reached an agreement that allows it to continue nego-

cide on the offer but these are as final and we are keeping on substantial improvements and there can be no doubt that it sig
Alan Porter, chairman of the f3.1bn as a result of extra contributions of £100m from brokers, an agreement by auditors to pay more than £100m, an in-crease in the proceeds from selfing and mortgaging Lloyds' property and other contributions from central resources.

As revealed earlier this week, Lloyd's has also reduced the cost to names of setting up the Equitas reinsurance vehicle that is to take over their old liabilities from £1.9hn to £1bn.

In a letter from Mr Rowland, the chairman, Lloyd's said there would be more help for the "hooourables" - names on lossmaking syndicates who have paid up - and extra assistance for names who cannot pay at all.

An important part of the set-tlement is a reduction in the cap set on names' future liability for further losses. In the earlier proposal, 9,000 names were to be capped at £100,000 maximum. Now all but 2,000 of these will be capped at lower levels.

Those who remain members

are to have their cap reduced to zero. Those who have paid but left will see it reduced to £50,000. And for those who cannot pay and who have very large losses, there will also be a eduction in the £100,000 cap.

Lloyd's said the number of names who will receive cash refunds as a result of the settle-ment has doubled from 5,000 to 10,000. These are people who have paid their debts in full. Comment, page 19

Sweetly does it at British Energy

MICHAEL HARRISON

The Government has attempted to sweeten the controversial sale of British Energy by writing down the value of its nuclear power stations by £3hn and halving the value of the environmental liabilities it will take into the private sector.

The moves are designed to help ease what promises to be a more problematic and conproversial sell-off than even the railtrack flotation.

British Energy's fixed assets were shown as £8.2bn in its 1995 accounts. But last night, in rely to written parliamentary question, the President of the Board of Trade Ian Lang disclosed these had been written down to £5bn.

At the same time the Gov-

ernment has adopted a higger discount rate for calculating the nuclear liabilities Brit h Energy will carry with it for de-commissioning stations and reprocessing spent fuel.

This has resulted in the lia-

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hilities heing shown as £3.7bn compared with a previous figure of £7.6bn.

The sale of British Energy, which owns five advanced gas cooled reactors in Eogland and Wales, two AGRs in Scot-land and the Sizewell B pres-surised water reactor, is expected to raise about £2.6bn.

This is the same as Sizewell B cost to huild and is about half the value of its fixed assets, In his writteo answer Mr Lang said the write-down of the assets was a technical matter.

"No cash changes hands as a result of such a write-down. It will have no effect on the cash generated by the stations oot will it reduce the proceeds of sale (the company is expected to be valued by iovestors on the hasis of its dividends and cash flow.)

On this basis, the hroking arm of BZW, which is acting as the Government's adviser on the sale, believes British

Golden hello lures oil man to British Gas

MICHAEL HARRISON

British Gas yesterday courted fresh cootroversy by hrioging in a new chief executive to run its transportation arm, TransCo, with the lure of a £100,000 "golden hello".

David Varney, a senior exec-utive with the oil company Shell, will take up the post in June with a salary of £385,000 in addition to his signing-on fee.
The appointment pushes Philip Rogerson, who had been

widely tipped for the TransCo joh, upstairs into the role of deputy chairman and increased speculation about his long-term future with British Gas. British Gas also announced that Roy Gardner, brought in

from GEC Marconi 18 months ago, will beome chief executive of British Gas Energy, its trad-ing and supply arm, with immediate effect. The appointments virtually complete the shake-up at the

top of British Gas under chairman Richard Giordano in merger of TransCo and British Gas Energy in spring 1997.

A spokeswoman defended the signing on fee for Mr Varney, saying it was compensation for reduced share options

and pension entitlements as a result of leaving Shell.

His salary, she added, was the market rate required to attract a senior Sbell executive. There are plenty of chief executives of smaller companies with less demanding jobs who are paid more," she added.

Mr Varney was previouly di-tector of Shell International Petroleum Company, respon-sible for managing its European downstream oil business. From 1991 to 1995 he was managing director of Shell UK's downstream oil business and during the mid 1980s ran a number of Shell operating companies in the Far East and Australasia.

His appointment to TransCo comes just three days before the gas industry regulator, Clare Spottlswoode, unveils tough new price controls on the business, expected to trim at least £300m off British Gas's revenues and place further strain on its ability to maintain dividends.

Despite Mr Varney's apreadiness for the planned de- continue to lead TransCo's ne gotations with Ofgas over the new pricing formula. He will also be the board director responsible for carrying through



even after the demerger was complete he would have an

Rogerson could perform. "He hasn't got the job everyooe expected him to get and although important task to perform he may not be too distraught at handling regulatory matters. the demerger project.

British Gas maintained that tioned what long-term role Mr does once demerger is com-

plete," said one source. Mr Gardner, who received a £200,000 golden hello when he that it is difficult to see what he a salary of £320,000 but has not received a pay rise for getting companies.

the chief executive's joh at

joined in November 1994, is on renegotiate the £40bn take-or-

Increased competition and British Gas Energy.
His main task there will be to gas without customers for much

Energy will be worth £2.6bn. But this valuation assures anclear plants. Even fairly minor reductions in their output could have marked impact renegotiate the £40bn take-or-pay contracts with North Sea oil tential habilities. Comment, page 19 ergy's value.

NM Rothschild teams up with ABN Amro

JOHN EISENHAMMER

NM Rothschild yesterday merged its equity capital mar-kets businesses worldwide with ABN Amro, the Dutch bank, in a move it hopes will dispel dnuhts about the British merchant bank's ability to remain independent. The joint venture will give

Rothschild the international equity distribution it has lacked ever since the end of its special relationship with the broker Smith New Court, was were bought last year by Merrill Lynch. ABN Amro, which owns

Hoare Govett in London, has long sought to acquire greater advisory strength in the City. It tried to buy Barings early last year, but was beaten by its Dutch bancassurance rival, ING.

After a lengthy pause fol-lowing the spectacular consoli-dation in City investment banking last year, when several British houses fell to higbalance-sheet foreign predators, yesterday's deal retrains the spotlight on to the remaining in-dependents such as Lazards,

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be run as a single husiness on a global basis, will comprise about 50 people dedicated to equity capital markets. It excludes UK domestic husiness. The merged entity will draw on Hoare Govett's sales, trading and research. but its corporate broking side will be entirely left out.

This is an elegant and sensible solution between two ma-ture groups," said Anthony Alt. Rothschild's chief executive. "It is totally consistent with maintaining our independence while leveraging off our skills in origination. The deal came as Rothschild

has been going through a rocky patch, suffering three high level departures in a matter of weeks. The latest to leave was John Bishop, a managing director at Rothschilds and its most senior executive in charge of trading. Speculation continues that more senior defections are impending, pointing to unease within the hank at a perceived

lack of direction. Stating that he expected the announcement to stem the crit-

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The joint venture, which will

icism, Mr Alt tonk a defiant stance against the recent leavers and other rumoured departees. "Good luck to them, they can go and be huried in some large investment bank." Equity capital markets is the

vital stone in the arch linking a bank's corporate advisory husiness and the equity sales and research side. It is responsible for the pricing, hookbuilding and distribution of share offerings.

The international corporate

finance, advisory and sector skills of Rothschild complement the global research, sales and trading capabilities of ABN Amro," said Evelyn de Rothschild, chairman. Bernie Myers, a Rothschild

managing director, said the deal gives the bank stronger international distribution than it had with Smith New Court.
"This is not a replacement, it is a major, positive, quantum

leap," he said.
About 20 people from Roth-schild will move to ABN Amro's office at Broadgate, in the City, where ABN Amro Rothschild will be headquartered.

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Railtrack sale looks set for top price

PETER RODGERS

Railtrack lonks likely to be sold for a price at the top of the government's £1.75bn to £1.95bo range, after heavy interest by City institutions.

Investors do not appear to bave been deterred by the reoewed bad publicity ahout the company in recent days, including advice from Lloyds Bank and Nat West to their private clients that they do not regard Railtrack as a suitable long-term investment. Institutions are believed to

have made indicative offers that comfortably oversubscribe

and substantial oumbers of applications have already been received from private investors, well ahead of the close next Wednesday at ocon.

The indications are that the government will have no diffi-culty selling the shares at the top of the 350p to 390p range annunced 10 days ago far international investing institutions. Private investors pay 10p a share less.

The prices on offer from professional investors will not be confirmed until oest Friday afternoon when the international tender offer closes. The present stage is a bookthe global co-ordinator, how much they expect to buy and at what price.

The institutions are not committed to their offers until the close and are theoretically entitled to withdraw altogether. But the level of interest at this stage is usually regarded as useful pointer to the outcome. The offers have come from a wide spread of institutions in the UK and overseas.

The level of private applica-tions also looks on track for an oversubscription of the minimum of 30 per cent of the shares

retail proportion will be raised to 40 per cent or more. However, it emerged that

Lloyds Bank had sent a letter to in-house investment managers warning that shares of-fered in the flotation may not be appropriate for longer term or more cautious private investors. "We have said that Railtrack may not be the most appropriate investment for these type of investors," a spokeswoman confirmed. Nat-West has already issued a sim-

ilar warning to its private clients about the flotation. Brian Wilson, Lahour's

their share of the privatisation, and substantial oumbers of apinstitutions tell SBC Warburg, retail proportion will be raised dented by Lloyds' warning. dented by Lloyds' warning. Meanwhile, Railtrack's hankers, BZW, a subsidiary of

Barclays, have had difficulty syndicating a £2.35bn loan from a core syndicate to a wider group of banks.
The loan is underwritten and Railtrack will receive the money whatever happens. But BZW's

attempt to spread the risk around more widely than the 20 hanks so far involved has proved problematic. Railtrack sources dismissed claims that the banks were go-

ing cold on the company because of the political risk of what earmarked for retail buyers. It spokesman on rail, said the a Labour government would do.

Four freight terminals closed in sell-off move transport to and from ports, have been given a month's oc-CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Government policy to get more freight off roads and on to rail

but RfD argues that it was no

longer to serve these depois. A

spokesman for the company said that the four terminals - at

Ely, Gidea Park, Barking and

Blackburn - were each used for

only one or two wagons per week

and this was not economic. He

Transport Correspondent

Four rait freight terminals have been closed by Rail-freight Distribution, BR's main remaining rail freight company, in a bid to rationalise the company in preparation for privatisation.

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nectrail service, which uses high

tice that they will no longer be served by trains. The decision to cut some services is part of a widespread

restructuring in the company which will result in redundancies "among all grades" of staff, according to a letter leaked to

denied that the move had any-The move by Railfreight appears to fly in the face of thing to do with privatisation: "We carry out these reviews

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every six months." He added that RID was currently attracting new business on several routes through the Channel Tunnel. However, a letter to the four customers from Bert Blissett, the general manager of RfD Coo-nectrail makes it clear that the

move has been instigated as a resuit of privatisation. The letter begins: "The intention of HM Government is to privatise RfD in the current financial year; a report commissioned from Mercer Management Consulting in this context is still being considered by the Government. Meanwhile, we are required to restructure the business with the objective of making it viable in the long-term."

Mr Blissett says that he may reconsider but only if there were five loaded wagons per trip.

performance has been "pourer than had been expected", culminating in losses of £60m for 1995/6. These are similar to the losses in 1994/5 and arise partly because of its investment in services through the Channel Tunnel which are only now starting to bear fruit. However, it is still severely lossmaking and most industry observers doubt whether it can be sold during the

current financial year. One of the customers affected by the decision said he would be acgotiating with RfD; "lam furious that they have done this without prior warning or discussion with us. It's a terribly offhanded way to work.

Earlier this week, it was announced that a management buy-out team was the preferred bidder for Freightliner, BR's oth-The letter says that recent er remaining freight company.

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With the August deadline looming for proving to the Department of Trade and industry that Lloyd's is solvent and can continue trading. there is not much time left'

No alternative to accepting the improved offer

It is hard to believe that the first Lloyd's of-fer to its aggrieved names three years ago was a miserable £900m. In the last week alone, the market has managed to magic out of the hat the same amount simply by reducing the funding requirements of the Equitas reinsurance vehicle from £1.9bn to £1hn, a saving of £900m. But then all negotiations involve brinkmanship. Lloyd's must have seen the possibility much earlier this year of reducing the cost of Equitas to names, but held the card back to the last minute, when it would have the maximum psychological effect.

The names' action groups, for their part, have also played it pretty rough, and close to the brink at times. So have the auditors, who grudgingly agreed in the late stages of the negotiations to pay £100m or more into the settlement - a lot less than they ought to contribute, given their central role, but progress all the same.

As ever with Lloyd's, nothing is simple.

The settlement offer itself has been raised by only £300m to £3.1bn. The other £900m is technically not part of Lloyd's offer to the names but a reduction in what they have to shell out to Equitas. But it comes to the same thing in the end - the overall package is £1.2bn better than it was when the ontline settlement was published in February.

Having delivered such a surprise with the

£900m, Lloyd's risks encouraging the most militant members to press on with their campaign in the hope that there is another chunk of money up another baggy sleeve some-

able. With the August deadline looming for proving to the Department of Trade and Industry that the market is solvent and can continue trading, there is not much time left.

The main action groups have been drawn deeply into these final rounds of negotiations. Some of their leaders are too closely identified now with the offer to do anything but back it. There are still hundreds of bankrupt names in such deep trouble that the settle-ment cannot solve their problems. But the chances of majority agreement have not looked better since this whole sorry business started. There is no sensible alternative to accepting it, even if the argument is bound to continue for a couple of months over detail.

Gas reshuffle solves nothing

The deck chairs have been shuffled yet again on board the good ship British Gas again as the rubber dinghy is being lowered in readiness to cut adrift the unwanted ballast of those pesky take-or-pay contracts. Judging from the latest batch of board ap-pointments, the black spot is being reserved for Philip Rogerson, the executive director responsible for overseeing the demerger of British Gas.

guage. Mr Rogerson, has, we are told, been appointed executive deputy chairman of British Gas and of its proposed successor companies - TransCo International, the hit that will run its pipelines, and British Gas Energy, the bit that will slug it out with the rest of the world in the deregulated domes-

Quite what he will spend his time doing is less obvious since the two demerged companies will have their own chief executives (both outsiders) in the shape of Roy Gard-ner who came from GEC Marconi and David Varney, who has been brought in from Shell to run TransCo.

Another thing you would not gather from the statement because British Gas omitted to mention it, is that the man from Shell has been winched on board with a £100,000 signing on fee to soften the blow of losing some share option and pension entitlements. Perhaps we should not begrude him his golden bello. TransCo is not going to be a hed of roses, with the gas regulator Clare Spottis-woode in close pursuit. But at least it should

be capable of making decent profits. That is more than can be said for British Gas Energy which will barely make a bean. nor pay a dividend for the foreseeable future while its market is slowly eaten away by nimbler competitors.

not be much help, however, as the £40bn of contracts have been lumped into British Gas Energy in an attempt to ring fence TransCo from this thumping great liability. Yesterday's rejigging of the top brass will do noth-ing to bring a solution to this particular headache any nearer and there is every pos-sibility that Mr Varney's former employers will insist on some more of TransCo's assets being shifted into British Gas Energy to

Rothschild deal looks clever

cover off the eventual bill.

M Rothschild needed this deal. Three senior defections in a matter of weeks, with more rumoured to be in the offing, had punctured the image of a house that prided itself on being somewhere people do not leave. A steady stream of deals for NMR's corporate financiers papered over some of the cracks, but there was no mistaking the growing unease at the lack of strategic direction, or the pointed questioning about whether the bank really had a healthy, independent future.

By joining up the vital equity capital mar-kets business with the Dutch banking giant. ABN Amro, Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, Not that you would necessarily guess Given his background Mr Varney ought that from yesterday's British Gas statement to know a thing or two about take-or-pay stapped down the sceptics, but also in one

where. However, this time Lloyd's is probably serious when it says there is no more available Economy 7 as applied to the English land of British Gas's biggest creditors. That will Schroders, which are painstakingly trying to Schroders, which are painstakingly trying to build their own distribution.

This looks like a clever deal. NM Rothschild is a good corporate finance business, strong on privatisation work, but precious little else. The asset management side is a disaster, and venture capital indifferent. The ability of corporate finance to carry the rest is increasingly hampered in the tough competition for the hig international mandates by lack of distribution — made that much worse since the loss of Smith New Court to Merrill Lynch. NatWest offered a joint venture, but Evelyn de Rothschild judged the clearer too threatening for his independent ambitions. ABN Amro is a neat alternative. By leaving out Hoare Govett and the UK domestic side, Rothschild gets even more international clout than with Smith New

Court, but at arms length. ABN Amro, which is desperate to bolster its corporate finance presence in the City, has probably settled for less than it hoped for, but it will do for now. Who knows what

it might lead to?

What does this deal hold for the remaining independent City houses? Cazenove, which seems suffered an attack of Alzheimers about its talks with Barings in 1994 (talks, what talks?). must be thinking hard about its future. The jury is still very much out on Schroders' efforts to build its own distribution. While business is thriving, these ques-tions can be put off. But not forever.

Economic policies under fire from right

DIANE COYLE Economics Editor

The Government came under a dual attack on its economic policies from leading right-wing economists yesterday.

Professor Tim Congdon, a member of the Treasury's panel of "wise persons" and former adviser to Baroness Thatcher, said the much-vounted "flexihility" of the labour market had weakened Britain's economic performance.

In a separate report, the In a time labour tree participation."

Stitute of Directors said the public finances were in a worse laimehed a separate attackin a position now than before the tax paper criticising the Government's record on cutting pubadded that the Government's future public borrowing predictions were based on over-optimistic forecasts for growth in the economy.

Professor Congdon, in his latest monthly economic review for Lombard Street Research, argues that the shift from full-time jobs to part-time working during the past decade and a half meant the Government had been unable to translate huge improvements in productivity in mannfacturing industry into a general strengthening in eco-

nomic performance. With growth in output per hour four-times as high as it was in the 1970s and amongst the highest in the industrialised world, the productivity miracle in manufacturing has been genachieved only by heavy redundancies of skilled and able

Full-time jobs in highly productive industries have been replaced by part-time jobs in far less productive areas.

The next government must thoroughly review tax and social security measures that had favoured the switch to parttime over full-time work, he writes. "The central weakness of the Conservatives' supply side policies has been the failure to maintain high levels of full-

ment's record on cutting public sector borrowing. "Between the November 1993 and 1995 budgets, the underlying deterioration in the prospects for public finances was larger than the amount of extra revenue raised in the two tax-increasing budgets of 1993," it concludes.

Since future projections for the PSBR are based on unrealistic assumptions about how fast the economy will grow, the Government needs to scale back its spending plans even fur-ther, author Stephen Davies

In November 1993, the Government predicted that its current expenditure and revenues would be in balance next financial year. In last November's Budget this bad slipped to a shortfall equivalent to 1 per cent uine. But, according to Profes-sor Congdon the gains were of GDP-despite forecasting an extra 1.75 per cent of GDP

Clampdown on media groups who bend rules



Struggle for control: Virginia Bottomley's Bill will circumvent a loophole for broadcasters broadcasting sector, allowing

MATHEW HORSMAN

The Government is to clamp down on the controversial "warehousing" schemes used by media companies to circumvent media ownership rules, it was

confirmed yesterday.
In proposed legislation to be tabled next week as part of the Broadcasting Bill, the Secretary of State for Heritage, Virginia Bottomley, will give independent regulators greater flexibility in determining and defining "control" of broadcast licences. as well as broader powers to end warehousing and similar rule-

dodging schemes.

Warehousing - the placing of shares in deadlocked companies over which no one is deemed to have control - was most recently used by Granada, the media and leisure company, to take a larg-er stake in Yorkshire-Tyne Tees than technically allowed under the current ownership limits. Such schemes have been crit-

icised by the Independent Television Commission, the commercial TV watchdog. which lobbied for greater discretion. The ITC was last night reviewing the proposed changes, and had no comment.

The Broadcasting Bill is aimed at deregulating the

companies to expand further. Under current rules, companies can own two ITV licences outright, but only up to 20 per cent of a third and up to 5 per cent of any additional franchises.

Earlier this year, DNH confirmed the numerical two-licence limit would be replaced by a total TV audience limit of 15 per cent. Yesterday, it provided further details of how the

limits would be calculated. Once the Bill comes into effect, probably this autumn, minority shareholdings in ITV companies of between 15 per cent and the level deemed to constitute control (probably 49.9 per cent) would attract one-half the audience share of the relevant licence. Anything high-er would attract 100 per cent of the audience share.

In the case of other broadcast companies, for instance Channel 5, the audience attribution for minority shareholdings would kick in once the stake reached 20 per cent.

The changes mean that com-panies will be able to hold an unlimited number of ITV stakes up to 15 per cent. Thereafter, additional franchise would count toward the overall 15 per cent ceiling, up to the point deemed by the ITC to consti-

Lucas bid expected in next few days

MICHAEL HARRISON

Lucas Industries, the car components and aerospace group, could he on the end of a bostile £2.5bn hid within days. market makers were speculating last night.

Takeover rumours bave gathered pace following the group's confirmation that it is in merger talks with the US hrakes and diesel engine group Varity.

Dealers believe these talks will fail and that a rival bid will be tabled. Suitor being mentioned yesterday include General Motors, the world's higgest car company, Tl, Siemens of Germany, and fellow UK automotive componet groups

GKN and T&N. Shares in Lucas rose 11p yesterday to 234p valuing the group at £1.95bn. However, dealers were speculating that pitched at 260p-275p a share putting a price tag of £2.3hn to £2.4bn on the company.

Lucas has been vulnerable to a hid since its chief executive George Simpson confirmed two months ago that he is leaving to take over from Lord Weinstock at GEC.

Mr Simpson is on record as believing that the car components industry will be dominated by a handful of large players and that to survive Lucas would have to grow

much bigger.
It considered forging an alliance with the French component supplier Valeo by buying Carlo de Benedetti's 30 per cent stake in the business hut rejected the idea in favour of talks with Varity, which owns the diesel engine manufacturer Perkins an is the US's higgest brake manufacturer. Market report, page 20

Pirc calls for Shell shareholder action

PATRICK TOOHER

Pirc, the corporate governance consultancy, is urging its clients to vote against Shell's report and accounts at the annual general meeting next Wednesday in protest at the oil company's activities in Nigeria

"We have serious reservations about Shell's policies in relation to the environment and buman rights," said Alan MacDougall, Pirc's joint managing director.
"We do not consider that its response to shareholder concerns has been adequate to date."

Pire says that following requests from pension fund chents last autumn it held a series of meetings with Shell about its role in Nigeria. It is particularly concerned about the company's policy towards the Ogoniland region of south-em Nigeria where many of its

oil activities are based. "The company has had six have effectively said nothing." Mr MacDougall continued.

The issue came to a head in November when long-time Shell critic Ken Saro-Wiwa was hanged along with eight other activists by the Nigerian authorities as Commonwealth leaders assembled for a summit in Auckland, New Zealand. Shell, which pumps about half

of Nigeria's oil, this week gave commitments to clean up spills weeks to respond but so far we and resume community action £1,000 investment is another pro-have received two letters which programmes in the Ogoni area. £1,000 investment is another pro-posal being Shell touted by Shell.

Shell is also planning to tighten rules governing shareholder entry to annual meeting to deter environmental and human rights activists gaining publicity. At the moment protesters can gain access by owning just one to-

ken share. Shell wants only serious long-term investors to attend and speak at meetings. One suggestion is that individuals should be shareholders for at least a year. A minimum

Several other companies have already been hit by environmental activists as the agm season enters into full swing, Pire, whose pension fund and

investment management clients control assets worth £100bn, gained publicity last year when it tabled a special resolution at the annual general meeting of British Gas calling for the way executive pay and perks are set to overhauled. Mr MacDougall said yesterday that utilities would be under fire again this year.

IN BRIEF

 Sterling ended at its highest level against the Deutschmark for more than a year, rising by more than a pfennig to DM2.3224 yesterday. Hopes of further cuts in German interest rates to boost the economy meant the mark was generally weaker. Figures yesterday showed consumer prices in western Germany rose only 0.1 per cent last month and 1.2 per cent in the year to mid-April. The pan-German increase was 0.1 per cent in April, making the yearon-year rise 1.5 per cent. Inflation is not expected to climb above

 "Core" US producer prices – excluding food and energy – rose by a lower-than-expected 0.1 per cent last month. The headline rate of factory-gate inflation edged up to 2.5 per cent. Although the figures were more favourable than expected, analysts think the Federal Reserve will leave US interest rates unchanged for some time - helping the dollar strengthen against the German curren-

· Rodime's US attorneys said there is no prospect of a recent adverse legal decision in the US courts being overturned. Last September the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington DC issued a ruling that resulted in all of Rodime's claims against a company called Quantum being judged invalid. Rodime went to the US Supreme Court in an unrelated case which has now been settled. Rodime's lawyers said that decision means that there in now no prospect of the earlier Quantum verdict being overturned.

Holders of bonds issued by Barings have issued writs against 17 parties claiming compensation of £100m. The proceedings have been brought against the issuing company Barings Plc (now under administration), its board of directors and advisors, Hoare Govett BZW and Cazenove. The writs were issued in the High Court on behalf of the Barings 9.25 per cent Perpetual Noteholders Action Group on the grounds that the listing particulars were misleading or failed to contain certain information as a result of which the bondholders have suffered loss.

· Westminster Health Care, the UK's biggest private nursing home group, parted company yesterday with its controversial founding shareholder when the Tenet Healthcare Corporation of the US placed its 42 per cent stake in an £80m deal. The 26.9 million shares were sold in a single block to the company's joint brokers Cazenove and Collins Stewart who sold them on to institutional investors at 298p a share. The sale will have netted a profit of more than £60m for Tenet, which has been dogged by controversy since being heavily fined in the US for billing fraud in 1993. Westminster denied that there had been any pressure from them to sell, although it admitted that it had removed "an easy stick to beat us with"

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Gilts suffering from double-whammy effect

not been kind to the gilts market and there is not much chance that matters will improve with the arrival of spring. The redemption yield on the 15-year henchmark stock has climbed more than half a point since January and is now stuck above 8 per cent. Gilts have been hit by a double-whammy – political risk and inflation fears.

Gilts are caught between the different state of the economic cycle to the east and west of the UK. The prospect of the Bundesbank cutting short-term interest rates in the next few weeks means other European markets have decoupled from the nervous US Treasury market since the early part of the year. One worry troubling investors is the risk that the UK economy is more likely to pick-up, like the US, rather than stay in the doldrums 1050 with Germany and France.

Extremely favourable US figures for nflation at the factory gate last month reassured Treasury bond investors yesterday that the Fed would stay its hand. But there are other clear signals that the American economy is recovering strongly from its pause, with an ever-tighter labour market and upward pressure on wages. Further pointers to economic strength are likely to send bond yields up again. They are already at their highest for a year.

The evidence on the UK economy a more mixed, but signals such as rapid monetary growth, a strengthening

The first few months of this year have consumer sector and rising asset higher than expected a year ago be- a point to gilt yields before the prices have been interpreted in some quarters as early inflation warnings. Even if that is a hit alarmist, growing evidence that the economy is starting to grow a bit faster mean the odds of further base rate cuts have receded. Traders in the futures market are currently betting on there being no fall from the current levet of 6 per cent, with base rates rising again by the

On top of this, the run-up to the general election does not look like being a happy period for the gilts market, for a mixture of reasons. One risk is a pre-election surge in public sector borrowing. Gilts issuance is already

cause government tax revenues have been disappointingly low. On past form it is sensible to expect the Government to ease up on controt of the public finances even more as election day approaches. However, an additional concern is

how much more a Labour government might want to borrow. The party's plans have so far not been spelt out m detail, although the shadow chancellor Gordon Brown has pledged to be tough on the public finances and retain some sort of inflation target. A new report from investment bank Goldman Sachs estimates that political risk should not add more than half

Inflation fears drive bond yields higher --- UK 15 year bond yield —US treasury 30 year bond yield Germany 10 year bond yield

So with both politics and economics conspiring against gilts, investors are in for a further bumpy ride.

Barbados hotels

hit stormy spell

four upmarket properties in Barbados, has proved a disappointing vehicle for investors hoping to cash in on the boom in the hotels market. The shares have fallen almost in a straight line since hitting a peak of 151p in August last year and now sit at an all-time low after falling 14p in the wake of yesterday's profits warning. At 100p they are 20p below the level at which they were floated two years ago.

St James has revealed that cost overruns, a stock write-down and the vealed that it had uncovered "signifitightening of what has proved an insufficiently conservative depreciation losses and a boardroom clear-out. policy will savage profits for last year. Instead of the widely expected figure of £3m for the 12 months to last March, the group is now promising not less Loutho are interested, and claims than £1.4m", well down even on the £1.92m recorded in 1994-95.

Executive chairman Ray Horney. who with his wife controls around 58 per the hrave should hold on.

cent of the company, is confident that they now have the problems under con-However, it cautions that the mar- trol, aided by a new finance director and ket has not yet taken this into account. much stricter financial controls. He points out that the underlying picture remains strong. While profits slumped last year, sales were well ahead of budget - outside estimates suggest they could be more than 50 per cent ahead of last year's £10.4m - and occupancy rates are above 90 per cent. The hope is that St James has an-

ticipated the worst in these figures, but doubts inevitably remain. The group St James Beach Hotels, owner of has been spending aggressively to exfour unmarket properties in Barbados, pand and renovate its hotels, but clearly it could not cope with rate of growth and costs have run wild. Of last year's profits shortfall, only £300,000 related to stock and depreciation. In retrospect, the recent extensive

management changes should have rung alarm bells with investors. Added to that, Mr Horney's other business dealings have not always met with huge success. Earlier this year, his Regent Corporation house-building group recant errors" in its accounts alongside

That said, St James controls a fifth of the luxury hotel market in Barbados, an area in which Forte and asset backing of 132p a share. It is also planning to raise last year's dividend a fifth to 4.8p. The risks remain, but

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Lucas Industries takes off on takeover rumours DATA BANK FT-SE 100 3754.4+26.1 In heavy trading Lucas In-dustries, the aerospace and car FT-SE 250 4512.8 +7.4 components group, motored FT-SE 350 1903.1+10.9 the stock market. **SEAQ VOLUME**

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SHARE SPOTLIGHT

share price, pence

11p to 234p as rumours of a takeover bid swirled around mill action would occur early 607.2m shares, next week with GM, the US gi-32,539 bargains ant, favourile to strike. Gilts Index

Lucas shares have been heavily traded this week, a classic indication that corporate action is suspected. But yesterday's speculation prompted the inevitable ques-

tion following a Friday run -

is it a ramo? So often, as the market winds down for the weekend break, stories of an imminent bid go the rounds. Often the company concerned is already in the bid frame.

UB's shares were soon back to their old crumbly form as trading continued to deteriorate and the rumoured bidder

failed to emerge. Earlier this week it became According to the rumour known Lucas was engaged in talks with a US group, Varity.
Object was to establish a trading pact. The negotiations could stretch to a full merger although Varity is too small to

> UK group would have to make the running. In the market, however, the talks were seen as an indication Lucas realises it is too small to prosper on the world stage and needs a partner.
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> GKN eased 4p to 958p and TI 6p to 546p. T&N was little changed at 175p. Lucas, with a 260p rumoured bid price, has climbed from 172p in January.

The French Valeo group could be interested although it

MARKET REPORT

DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter of the year

Lucas and could regard a pointment of its demerger

takeover as a logical bolt on, the UK groups, GKN and TI Group, are in the frame. T&N, Electricities dimmed on the latest Board of Trade U-turn but the English generators, National Power and PowerGen, mount a bid for Lucas; so the if it could resolve its asbestos difficulties, could also be a partgained 2p - to 535p and 544p respectively.

Hambros, the merchant bank, shaded 2p to 237p al-though UBS lifted its takeover price from 271p to 303p.
After its breathtaking arrival The rest of the market was

Vanguard Medica held at 628p in buoyant form with the FTwith a string of delayed trades going through at 620p. Celltech, the drugs group which caused unease by scrapping its asthma drug in February, con-tinued its recent beady run,

Zeneca's upbeat trading statement lifted the shares 11p to 1.377p but Chiroscience, where a £40.3m cash raising ex-

helped by the Shell display al-

stockbroker, jumped 11p to 49p following figures and Oriel, the insurance broker, ercise is underway, fell 15p to rose 13p to 155p as takeover FirstBus, on its Glasgow buy advanced 6p to 174p and talks continued. Cantors, the Sheffield-based Enrotunnel, seemingly on

furniture retailer, put on 5p to 160p; it is in talks which could French investment support, managed a op gain, to 82.5p. lead to a substantial acquisition. Superstores continued to Rodime fell 0.75p to 2.5p. rally following the J Sainsbury The former computer group is performance and oils were now a litigation play, it has sus-

pended one US action to conthough British Petroleum centrate on its claim against bucked the trend, off 6p at US group Seagate.
Ask Central, a small restau-Thillow Oil was unchanged at rant chain, improved 12p to 90.5p in busy trading on talk of 120p where it sells at more than a British Gas strike and 60 times last year's earnings.

in 30p of its level before the asthma setback.

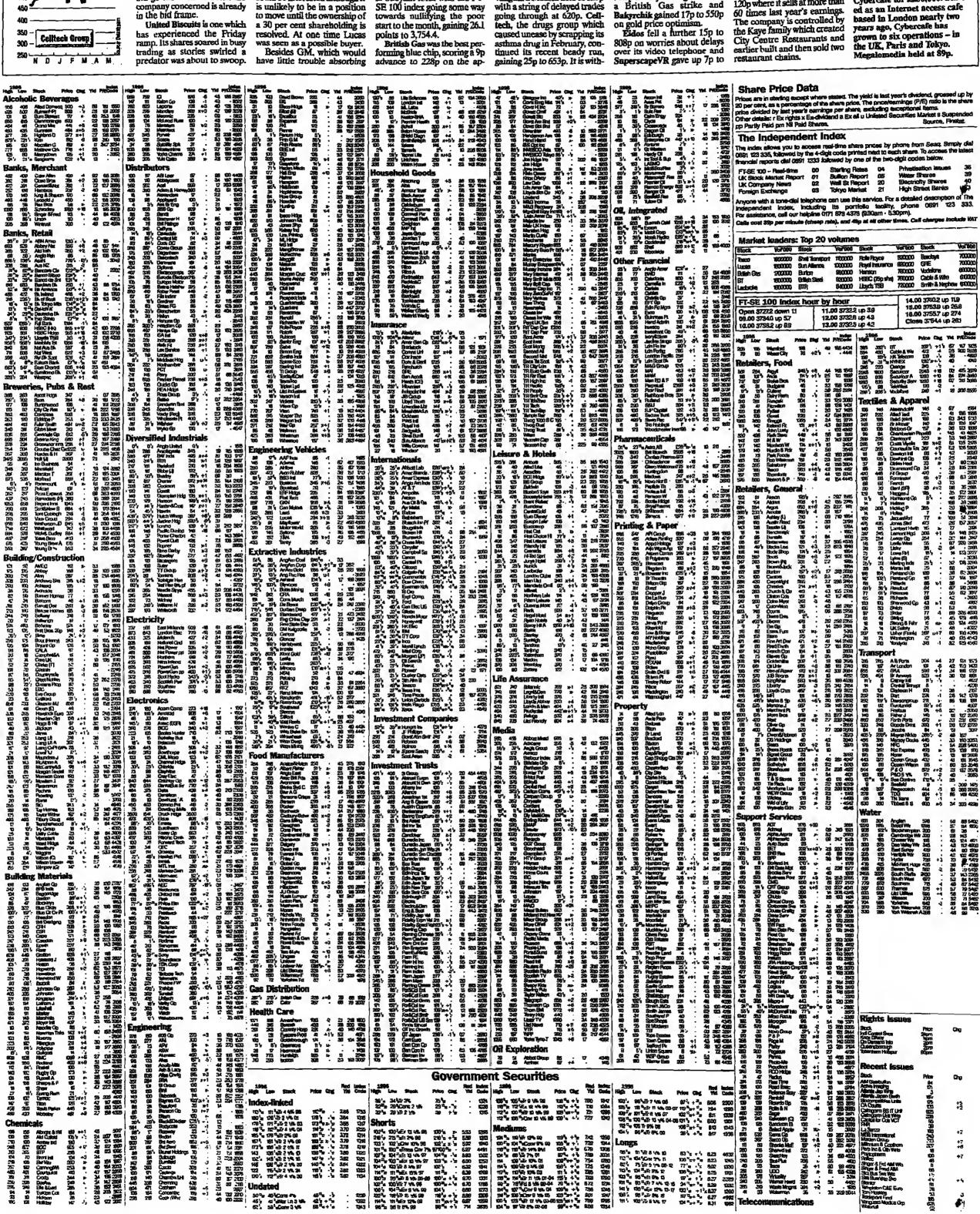
628p on director selling. Video-Logic gained another op to 94p on its super-fast video chips Raphael Zoru Hemsley, the

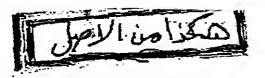
TExpect developments at Emerald Energy, the USMtraded group. It is thought to be seeking to reduce its reliance on the US and negotiating to buy exploration and production facili-ties in Colombia. A cash raising exercise is likely to accompany any deals. The company came to the market 30 months ago with Peter Winton, former exploration chief at Tricentrol, as managing director. Until now it has concentrated on developing resources in the US. The

TAKING STOCK

Megalomedia, headed hy Maurice Saatchi, has bought nearly 7 per cent of anquoted Cybercafe for £250,000. Started as an Internet access cafe based in London nearly two years ago, Cybercafe has grown to six operations - in the UK, Paris and Tokyo.

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Wigan tipped for Sevens success

As a vision of how rugby - nev-er mind the union and league suffixes - could be played. Wigan's demolition of Bath on Wednesday was so awe-inspiringly complete that they come to Twickenham today as favourites to win the Middlesex Sevens.

We should not forget that, apart from the practices against Orrell with which they have prepared for the return against Bath under union rules in a fortnight, Wigan have no rugby union experience whatsoever. Certainly they have had far less practice than that of the Malaysians, this year's second guest side.

Yet there can be no doubting their ability to make this instant switch to the abbreviated version of the other code. For one thing, there will be less of the rucking and mauling that will bog them down against Bath, and, for another, these guys are superb footballers.

That said, it will be not be a comfortable experience for the great and good of rugby here present if Wigan do as antici-

Certainly Brian Ashton, the

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Steve Bale backs Wigan to continue their crusade for rugby union glory

has no doubts. "It will be a fluke if anyone beats them," he said. Until Bath's 82-o annihilation under league rules at Maine Road, the fluke would have been for Wigan to win today. No

"I don't care which set of players they put on the pitch," Ashton said. "They could all be forwards, but they'll still be quick, strong and more skilful than most rugby union sides."

Bath had already withdrawn from the Middlesex Sevens by the time they played Wigan, pleading "a game too far" as the excuse. That is despite the fact their stamina will still run to the second game against Wigan, with its attendant financial re-

For Wigan, however, the chance to continue their missionary work at the very heart of uniondom is too good to miss. England Schools union inernational, said.

In fact, getting the ball will be less of a problem in sevens than than it will be in 15-a-side. The Wigan squad contains

four former union men. One, Martin Offiah, is well remembered by union aficionados for his Middlesex Sevens feats for Rosslyn Park, Another, Scott Quinnell, is about to return to union with Richmond, who may be sorry to be Wigan's first

opponents at 12.40pm.
The former All Black Va'aiga Tuigamala - whose brother Lua is in today's Orrell squad - and the Samoan 1995 World Cup flanker, Shem Tatupu, complete the quartet.

Their collective presence has helped ensure a record capac-ity crowd of 61,000, generating more than £400,000 for chari-

Among those trying to stop Wigan will be Lawrence Dailaglio of Wasps, the Rugby Football Union's player of the season, and Leicester's Neil Back, another England flanker hut viewed less kindly by au-"If we get some ball, we might do some damage," Shaun eat the end of last Saturday's Edwards, captain and one-time thority after pushing the referece at the end of last Saturday's cup final.



Andy Johnson leads a Wigan charge against Bath this week. Wigan today fix their attentions on the Middlesex Sevens rugby union title Photograph: Simon Wilkinson

Pride of Border clubs take to the field

list of BILL LEITH omissions

The Cardiff full-back Mike Rayer and the Pontypridd scrum-half, Paul John, are the surprise omissions from a nents' 1556 Scottish rugby cup, due to climax today with a final 30-strong Wales squad who leave on 23 May for an eightat Murrayfield between Hawick match tour of Australia. and Watsonians.

Rayer, capped 21 times by Wales, was tipped to be included in the party following a series of good performances for his club in recent weeks, after recovering from breaking a leg in two places in October 1994.

The coach Kevin Bowring and the director of rugby, Terry Cobner, have named a squad containing only one specialist full-back: Justin Thomas, of Lianelli. John, the half-back partner to Neil Jenkins at Sardis Road, also misses out on the trip. Cardiff's Andrew Moore is preferred as the deputy to Robert Howley, of Bridgend, while Bristol's Arwel Thomas is the other outside-half.

WALES TOUR PARTY: Backs: J Tho Evans (both Lianell), L Davies (Nes Jenkins (Pontypridd), R Howley (Bridgerd W Proctor (Llanelli), S Hill (Cardiff), J Fin nell (Neath), A Thomas (Bristo), A Moon Many a wry smile has been provoked by the passion and enthusiasm with which Border clubs have embraced the first Scottish Rugby Union Ten-

For example, since Hawick defeated Melrose in the semifinal a fortnight ago, the club's secretary, John Thorburn, has had duties which have includ-

buses including one for the town hrass band, taking delivery of 2,500 commemorative hats, rearranging the annual club dinner and liaising with officials of the town's annual month-long Common Riding Festival, the start of which clashes with today's 50-mile pilgrimage to Edinburgh. Underpinning the hype is a song specially written to em-

displays, organising a fleet of

phasise the fact that the Haw-ick (eam is exclusively home-grown. The town's most famous son, the television commentator Bill McLaren, has

compared the fervour on his doorstep with that shown countrywide after Scotland's 1990 Grand Slam. All a bit ironic in view of the

fact that it has taken Scotland 24 years to emulate England and Wales in organising an official cup - largely because of the intransigence of Borderers, who have been wary of any threat to their traditional endof-season, seven-a-side circuit. However, the SRU finally came up with a competition worth £15,000 to today's winners.

Thorburn admits: "I can see where folk who said we held

things back are coming from, hut Border teams always maintain that, when a cup was introduced, they would be early

"That has made us more determined, and our players are well aware that Hawick were the first winners of the Border League in 1902 as well as the first winners of the National League in 1974, so cup success would complete a treble." Watsonians, whose member-

ship was, until recently, restricted to former pupils of an Edinburgh public school, are wary of the threat posed by

strong tradition.
Their captain, Fergus Hen-

opponents motivated by such

derson, admits: "This final is about so much more than ability. It's a nitty gritty thing that's hard to put a finger on. Man for man, Watsonians are at least the equal of Hawick, but they will be playing to ensure they don't let their town down. That's what we are up against."

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Gloucester part with chief executive mendations to restructure the anyone else to learn I was no a small board of directors. They side on Monday from Brian

Mike Coley, has left the Courage League One club after less than a year in the job.

He is a victim of the club's decision to restructure, although Gloucester issued a statement yesterday that said he had offered to resign, and announced they had reached an agreement over compensation.

Coley's departure follows Gloucester's decision to set up a new company to run the club and look for sponsorship to pay their players. "The general committee have endorsed the club's working parties' recom-

of the professional game," the The new compar statement read.

ecutive is no longer required and Mr Coley offered his resignation from that post."

Rugby Football Union market- cester chairman, said. ing manager insisted. "I ac-

atement read. ing over from the existing opment at it.
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"There will be a new trading cepted the decision. But it was company called Gloucester as much of a shock to me as RFC Ltd, which will he run by

The new company will be tak- overseeing finance and development at the club and players' The England A flanker, Mar-

tin Corry, has turned down offers from Leicester and his former club, Newcastle, to stay with Bristol "I thought long and hard about the other offers but after

lengthy discussions with coach Alan Davies, I have decided to stay," Corry, 22, said. Davies, the former Welsh national coach, takes over at the

will have the responsibility for overseeing finance and develwith his successor for the past month.

The Leicester stand-off, Jez Harris, vesterday signed for lo cal rivals Coventry as the Courage League Third Division champions announced seven new players for next season. The Leicester backs Richie Robinson and Wayne Kilford, Nottingham's Matt Gallagher, Mark Crane of Clifton, and the England Schools players Richard Lloyd and James Brown are also joining Coventry.

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Ban on union . jothe by Warrington

Rugby League

Warrington's management team of Alex Murphy and John Dorahy have killed off any hopes their players may have had of playing league in sum-mer and union in winter.

Several of the game's leading players – including Castleford's Frano Botica (with Orrell) and Widnes' John Devereux (Sale) are to become all-year-round footballers following league's switch to a summer season and union's decision to go profes-

However, Murphy, Warring-ton's football executive, has ruled out any of his squad pursuing a career in both codes. 'Nn player will be allowed to play rugby union. It's club policy," he insisted. "John and I have discussed it. There's far too much happening in rugby league for us to let them go.

The only way Warrington players will be allowed to play

rugby union is if they go to mion full-time.

Dorahy, the Super League side's coach, added: "I played back-to-back football for five years and I know what the denands are. Rest is essential. We've had the centenary season and now the summer league, and I want my players to be ful-ly recovered by the time we get hack to full training."

St Helens, Warrington's neighbours, have already said that they will not allow their players to play rugby union next winter.
Meanwhile, Warrington have

welcomed two new arrivals to Wilderspool: the New Zealand scrum-half Willie Swann and Alliance coach Robert Tew, an Australian. Swann, who played for Western Samoa in last October's World Cup, will make his debut on the substitutes' bench for Warnington's home game against Sheffield Eagles tomorrow.

Salford Reds will be without the Samoan winger Fata Sini for Sunday's First Division visit to Hull after he was banned for one match and fined £75 by the Rugby Football League disciplinary committee. Sini was dismissed during Salford's home defeat of Rochdale Hornets last weekend for tripping.
The Widnes hooker Paul

Gartland, sent off in his side's 31-14 victory against Wakefield Trinity, has been found not guilty of a high tackle. The Barrow Braves prop Stuart Quayle, who received his marching orders for illegal use of the elbow. has been suspended for four games and fined £50.

David Chrimes, the Doncaster Dragons second-row for-ward, was handed a two-mator, ban and a £50 fine following his dismissal, also for illegal use of

Points advantage is spur for Saints

DAVE HADFIELD

St Helens can give themselves the psychological boost of go-ing four points clear of Wigan at the top of the European Super League if they beat London Broncos tomorrow.

Wigan's previous commit-ment at the Middlesex Sevens today means that Saints could open up a handy gap between them and their main rivals.

"Points in the bag are always the thing to have," Saints' chief executive, David Howes, said. But don't mention that to Kevin Keegan. As Newcastle found out, there is a different type of pressure that comes with being clear at the top, with every other side raising its game

against you." For tomorrow evening's game at Knowsley Road, Saints have Scott Gibbs back in the centres after flu, with Alan Hunte dropping down to the substitutes' bench.

The London coach, Tony Currie, rates St Helens as the best team in Britain at the mocluding coming back from an union trophy.

last week. Broncos welcome back Greg Barwick at full-hack after injury and move Peter Gill Currie believes that his side's

recent form is attributable, in three players, nobody has been late for training and we have

arriving from Australia next week and Ikram Butt coming

cations for the top of the table is at Warrington, where Sheffield Eagles are the visitors. Warrington have fold theu

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well are good. Second Division Bramley played in the Leeds ment, but his own side have Sevens last week and became been performing admirably, in- the first league side to win a

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Courage League First Division 7.10 CHARLECOTE NH' NOVICE HUR-DLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 4f 110vds

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9-1 Tipping The Llan, 9-1 Biscing Down, 14-1 Knockfrida, 26-

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18-point deficit to win at Leeds to loose-forward to cover for the absence of the suspended Terry Matterson.

part, to the hard line he has taken on discipline. "Since I sacked won both our games," he said.
"We have three new players

out of jail. So I'm happy that, even without those three, our squad is very strong." The other match with impli-

players to forget all about playing rugby union in the winter. but Wigan have no inhibitions about playing that game this af-

1.15 VAX JUIRA RAPIDE CONDITIONALS HAND-ICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £3,600 2m 7f 3-55P60 PETTY BRIDGE (70) A James 12 11 10 05110-0 FRIGUE STREET (29) & Hubbard & 110 ______ K Gould 504/14-P VAZON EXPRESS (14) (C) P Daton 10 10 10 _____ D Parton

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Infonte, 12-1 Charterforhardware, Petty Bridge, 14-1 others

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2.50 APOLLO 2000 MARES INTERMEDIATE NH FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £1,550 added 2m BROWN WEEN P Hobbs 5 11 0 ______ A Torrary (2) CHAMPAGNE PRESID (70) A J Wison 5 11, 0 Chris Webb (5) DERRYPELE (35) D WENTS 5 11 0. RISHLEY RIVER P Johnson 5 11 0 2 GAMPATI (SO) N Persion-Daves 5 11.0 KILSHEY I Giford 5 11 0 METUNES MISS M VINGSON 4 JO 9 _____ P Crowley 17 SPARROLING BUCK O Sterwood 4 10 9 _____ D Thomas

22 declared -BETTING: 3-1 Gampail, 4-1 Rischey, 5-1 Austher Designer, 6-1 Royal Ruler, 7-1 Spanking Back, 8-1 Brown Wren, 10-1 Rossy, 12-1 others

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Racing

GREG WOOD

It is a hig afternoon for televised racing, but not the variety with which most armchair punters are familiar. If your technology remains restricted to the four terrestrial stations, the only horse you are likely to see this afternoon will be underneath Errol Flynn in the Channel 4 swashbuckler. Those who subscribe to the Racing Channel on satellite, by contrast, can enjoy constant action until 7pm, including the Derby and Oaks trials at Lingfield.

The Racing Channel was launched late last year, but until 1 May it was forced to end its transmissions at 4pm, which by April was barely half-way through the afternoon's cards. Now, with an extra three hours each day, the station is hoping to increase its list of subscribers from around 15,000 towards its year-one target of 25,000. That push can only be assisted by Lingfield's decision to sign up with TRC, rather than have its two most impor-

to a mid-morning slot by the Cup-obsessed BBC. fact that three of the five entries are maidens. Lady Carla was a

What will not help, it must be said, is the quality of this year's renewals. Both appear to consist of second and third-string Classic candidates, while Heoty Cecil's Dovaly, who has a major chance in the Derby Trial is not even entered for Epsom. None the less, Lingfield must be congratulated for refusing to bow befure the might of football, unlike its Surrey neighbour which brought forward the offtime for the Derby to avoid a clash with Euro 96. The resurgence of the national game is to be welcomed, but other sports need to stand up for themselves if they are not to suffer as a re-

Dovaly (3.45), who beat John Gosden's highly rated Sacho in a maiden at Newmarket last month, should beat Heron Island in the Derby Trial, and many will fancy Cecil to complete a double with Lady Carla in the Oaks Trial.

A measure of the unusually poor quality of this year's race - it is only four years since User Frieodly completed the Lingtant races of the year shunted field/Epsom double - is the

ELEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: R O'Sallivan - 50 wayers from \$15 cm

■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: R O'Sallivan — 50 winners from \$15 runners gives a success ratio of 15.3% and a loss to a \$1 level stake of \$30.74; Lord Huntlegdon — 48 winners, 219 muners, 21.9%, 4:2.54; A Moore— 43 winners, 434 runners, 10.0%, 4:40.25; M Johnston — 42 winners, 249 runners, 38.6%, +\$18.94.
■ LEADING JOCKEYS: L Dectori — 82 winners, 236 rides, 16.5%, +\$20.40; R Cochrane — 72 winners, 407 rides, 17.7%, 45.2.81; J Westers — 70 winners, 407 rides, 20.1%, +\$5.0.1; T Quitan — 61 winners, 372 rides, 16.4%, -\$33.34.
BLINERS FIRST TIME: Sizzling (2.15), Christman Klas (3.15), WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: More North 15. Last seven Model of the 15. Long-listance Runners and Middleham stake m North Yorkshire.

2.15 UNITED HOUSE HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added

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BETTING: 5-1 Agent, 6-1 So intropia, 7-1 Prime: SRt, 8-1 Dechroo, Sharp hep, 10-1 Setance Of Power, How's Yer Futher, Sumptions, Sharp N Seaset, 12-1 Sterling, Moujeet, 14-1 Banderf, Grey

FORM GUIDE DENERAE showed signs of returning to form less time when tried of 20 behind Passy Grimes and Meranti at Salisbury, beatan a head and helf a length. Apprentice ridden that day, the

four-jear-lod will benefit from 1991 agod as ever and produced a powerful finish to pip To
The Roof a hock when a 16-1 chance of Leicester a formight ago, reversing earlier form with
the numer-tup, who had finished about five lengths behind him when they were second and
seventh to Super Benz at Ripon. Agwe had a good winning accord over the years and zipped
back to Nis best when making all in a Bioghton cleamer on its most recent start. How's Yer
Father, Prima Silk, and Summolorn all ran well lest time. How's Yer Father finished a let-

Father, Prima State, and Samasolom at lan were lest unler, how for rature interior of hourth to Latrang at Kempton 12 20%, ago and should again hold severath-placed Modelest. Prima Stik, who scored three times last raim, can sixth of 21, behind Almasi under 9st 125 at Notlingham, while Pat Eddery is an eye-cataning booking for old Semasolom, who can fifth of 15 behind Barrel Of Hope at Portletract 12 days ago. Stadling, who went in at Bath and Lebester in 1995, has been implaced in both ettempts this season and finished more than six lengths admit of Denbrae at Salisbury last time but could progress for the first-time binty-ers.

2.45 OCS LADY RIDERS HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 edded to stakes 7f

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bur-vear-old will benefit from John Reid's strong handling and might prove the area

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are maidens. Lady Carla was a winner on her only start last year, but will probably start at a prohibitive price and Moody's Cat (4.15), the other runner with a victory to her name, may offer some value. Barry Hills's fil-

autumn, and should improve for today's step up to 12 furlongs.
The most significant card this weekend is at Longchamp tomorrow, where the British challenge for the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas) is so strong that the

CONCENERS: Seeples

3.35 DUBAI POULE D'ESSAI DES POULICHES (Group 1) 3YO filles 1m Value £131,752

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ly was though worthy of a run in the Prix Marcel Boussac last

locals may wish they could ban imports of our horses, too. Six of the 10 runners are from our side of the Channel, including Danehill Dancer, who could fin-

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Sudden Spin (Beverley 3.55) NB: Bubble Wings (Lingfield 2.45)

ish only a distant sixth behind Mark Of Esteem in the Newmarket Guineas last weekend. If Danchill Dancer wins or goes close, it will be a further

strong indication that the middle ground on the Rowley Mile was far slower than that on the stands' rail. That would add to the embarrassment of Nick Lees, the clerk of the course. who continues to insist that no such strip of false ground existed, but if Ladbrokes odds on the race are to be trusted, Lees

has little to worry about. That firm makes the Aga Khan's Ashkalani the eveomoney favourite for tomorrow's Classic, which seems remarkably short on the basis of his win in a skowly run Group Three event.

4.05 DUBAI POULE D'ESSAI DES POULAINS (Group 1) 3YO colts 1m Value £131,752 1335.1 BARRICADE (FE) (ST) A Fibre 3 9 2 _____ F Innext 1.

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SETTING: evens Ashtulani, 5-3. Elemity Runge, Deschill Descer, 10-1. Capuma Nai, Spitzaleg Worki, 12-3. Berforde, Rebr Almaydan, 14-1. Gothenberg, Taglata, 16-1. Den Michelotto 1998: Votup 3 8 2 1. Detter 9-2 (Saseri bin Susoc, GB) 8 rah

Winner's place in betting: 2 74 56 56 52 94 92 94 141 51 56 3 8 2 2 1 3 7 9 4 2 Profit or loss to £1 states: Fevourites -£1.26. Second Fevourites -£0.50 Better value clearly lies elseercentage of winners placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in last race: 90% where and Cayman Kai, the ortest-priced whomen; Mctwer (1995). Karyasi (1988), Legal Rd (1987) 5-8 Free Handicap winner, is in-teresting at 10-1, but the price Top trainers: H Ceci (2) - Mastriour (1988) & Legal Bid (1987); M Soute (2) - Rock Hopper (1990) & Hauter's News (1994). which stands out is the 14-1 Top jackey: W R Swindown (3) - Rock Hopper (1980), Assessor (1982) & Hawker's News (1993). against Gothenberg (Sunday 4.05). Mark Johnston's colt put up the best performance of his career to take the Tetrarch Stakes at The Curragh by six lengths, and his trainer would

Grindstone retired after Derby victory

LINGFIELD DERBY TRIAL - 10-YEAR-TALE

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Grindstone, who last Saturday won the Kentucky Derby, was yesterday retired to stud after was discovered that he had chipped a bone in his off-fore leg. The injury was discovered in Grindstone's knee following a morning workout at Churchill Downs, the first workout for the horse since winning the Derby on the same track at the weck-

Grindstone showed discomfort coming off the track and radiographs revealed the injury, the colt's owner. William Young, reported in a state-ment. "This is in the best interest of the health of the horse," Young said. "This injury is not life-threatening to Grindstone, it's simply the right thing to do.

The colt the son of the 1990 Kentucky Derby winner, Unbridled, becomes the first Derby winner to miss the Preakness since Spend A Buck in 1985.

Grindstone, whose career ends with three wins and two seconds in just six starts, had career earnings of \$1,224,510. He will stand at Young's Overbrook Farm in Lexington.

Grindstone nosed nul Cavonnier in a photo-finish last Saturday to give his train-er. D Wayne Lukas, an unprecedented sixth straight Triple Crown win.

Lukas will still have a chance

to extend his streak at the Preakness Stakes in Baltimore on Saturday week. Before the injury to Grindstone, Lukas had planned to enter as many as four horses in the Preakuess. including the strong Derby contenders Prince Of Thieves (who fioished third) and Editor's Note (sixth).

The absence of Grindstone will weaken a Preakness field that will likely also be without Unhridled's Song, who was fifth in the Derby.

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2. Aybeegiri 7-1; 3. Gipsy Princess 33-1. 8 rsn. 21/s, 11/s. (0 Loder, Newmarks). Totac £1.40; £1.10, £1.30, £3.10. DF: £3.60. CSF:

5.00: 1 EURO SCEPTIC (F Lynch) 8-1; 2.

5.002.1 EURO SCEPHC PLYRID 6-1; 2-Commander Glen 12-1; 3. Comedy River 12-1; 4. Westcourt Princess 4-1 ft fav. 17 ran. 4-1 ft fav Murphy's Gold. 2-1/2, nd. 7f East-orby, Mastron, 7ober £11.30; £2.60, £5.80, £1.70. DF: £95.10. CSF. £102.72. Tacast £1,125.63. Trio: £376.40. Placepot £17.70. Quadqot: £9.20. Place 8: £7,14. Place & £6.18.

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| AGNA (nap) 4.15 Moody's Cat Apollo Red 4.45 Mutamanni Branston Abby 5.15 Lead Him On | 14 40-0 SUPERIOR FORCE (33) (Copylone Ltd) Mas 8 Randers 9 9 9 |

Deno O'Nolli (3) 10 B

BETTING: 4-1 Moon Strike, 8-2 Norsong, 13-2 Apollo Red, Bubbe Wings, Bolt Habit, 10-1 Dank ing Heart, Edgar Ruby, 12-4 Breamed Well, Mr Cabe, Perster Affair, Dancing Heart, 14-1 Love Legend Stolen Helody, 20-1 others GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in back straight).

STALLS: Straight course - stands side; Im 2f - inside; remainder - tunside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High usually best 5f to 7f 140yds.

Lei-hand, sharp undulating course.

Rececurse is SE of town on 82028, Lingdeld station (served by London, Victoria) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members £16, Tautersalls £12; Silver Ring £6, CAR PARE: Club £3, remainder free. loon Strike 5 10 7 Mass | Fouston 15-2 (W Jarvis) 15 ter FORM CHIDS

A course and distance winner on fast ground in 1995, NORSONG has not raced for 226 days but Reg Akehurst should have him fit enough and Amende Perrett is a polished nder. Apollo Red got up on the post to master Alwight Then a head at Brighton last time and is the only one with whining form this serson. Even so, Mooa Strike might prove a bigger threet. Trained by Stuart Williams, who is enjoying a successful season, this six-year-old was a winner flest time up in 1995 on the Equitack have and he landed that event with today's a winner first time up in 1995 on the Equitrack here and he landed this event with today's ider by Foustok in the saddle, inching out Broughtons Turmol. Selection: NORSONG

3.15 IH GROUP CHARTWELL STAKES (CLASS A) fillies (Listed race) £17,000 added 7f 220-025 BRANSTON ABRY (9) (CC) (1 Deut Abril) M Johnson 7 9 8... 001-114 CARRANIZA (9) (D) (Lomb Lanz Associase) B Polling 8 9 8... 3160-00 CHRISTIMAS INSS (24) Over R Princhard) R Hancon 4 9 3 ...

= 8 clockared = BETTING: 9-4 Cartenilla, 21-4 lais Del Roy, 3-1 Branston Abby, 8-1 More Than You Know, 20-2 Christmas New, 15-1 Paris Babe 1996: Dermg Desday 4 9 3 J Tabo 15-8 (K Burkey 5 ran

FORM GUIDE first show, who will be having her 80th race and seeling her 20th success, won the corresponding race two years ago and has a few pounds in hand of CARSANITA on Official Retings, However, Carranita had a head to spare over her skel when they were close-up fourth and fifth to litizational as Salikhuy nine days ago and can again have the edge although the ground with be lively enough for both of them. That was Carranian's sole defect this season, Bryn Palling's mere having previously scored grandly at Berkerley and at Thirst, where son is strongly to defect previous winner Ator's a length, late Del Rey, who won a Traise medical in Irreland lest seeson for John Cox's stable, now represents Godophin and was subicaps at Ned Al Sheba, Dubai, in February while she ran third there lest

3.45 TRIPLEPRINT DERBY TRIAL STAKES (CLASS A) (Group 3) £50,000 added 3YO 1m 3f 106yds B Doyle 4
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Pat Battery 1 5-526-15 ACHAROR (23) Ground Feating C Battern 9 /
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34-61. REPROR (SIAND) (8) (R E Samplesc) P Chappine Hyan 8 7.

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55540-6 ZAFORIMI (25) (The Forum Un) L Morange to Hall 8 7.

BETTHIC: 7-4 Dovely, 8-4 Horen Jalend, 7-2 Mystic Knight, 13-2 Disensed, 14-1 Achama, 33-1. FORM GUIDE

ony Cacil, who won this with subsequent Derby victor Slip Anchor (1985), Mashkour (1986) Henry Cock, who won this with subsequent Derby victor Sip Anchor (1995), Meshkour (1996) and Legal Bid (1997), can egain do the trick, this time with DDVALY, who was not empred for the Blue Riband. A son of Middle Park winner and Two Thousand Guinees runnier-up Lycius and out of a mare by Triple Crown hero Nijinsky, Dovely has won his only race to date, defeating the much-soutid Sacto hast a length over a mile and a quarter at the Newman feet Creven meeting. He san on strongly close home offer appearing held approaching the furling marker. Third-placed Generosus and Dustyentor, both galloping companions of the selection, have scored recently and Dovely, bound to improve a few pounds with the expensions with the house determined and the provider of the prov selection, have scored recently and Dovely, bound to improve a few pounds with thet experience, and with the longer destance certain to suit, is preferred to Herora Island. One of four Derby entines on whow here — the others are Achienne, Mystic Kniight and Zisforum — Heror Island represents Peter Chapple-Hyam, who who won Tuesday's Chester Vese with High Baroque. The Shirtey Heights cott made a winning debut at Donesster (good to soft) last September and dinished a fair fourth to Two Thousand Guineas numer-up Even Top in a Listed event at Newmarket on his only subsequent stait last term. Only shift to Storm Trooper in the same grade back at Newmarket on his respicarancer, Heron Island landed the didds at Selebury (Lin 2f) nine days ago and is reother who will be suited by this stagular indistance. Pick of the others might be Mystic Knight, without of the last two of four roces as a luvenile and sharper for his opening seven-length third (of five) to High Baroque at Newboury three weeks ago.

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| 4 | 15 | CHAMPAGNE RUINART O | AKS TRIAL STAKES (CLASS A) (List- | | |
| L | | ed race) £20,000 added | 3YO filles 1m 3f 106yds | | |
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| 5 | 00 | PROMISSORY (6) (B H Vool) C Britis | n 8 8 \$ Doyle 6 | | |
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not have supplemented him - for £13,500 - unless he be-

lieved him to have a serious

The Poule d'Essai des

Pouliches (French 1,000

Guineas) should stay at home,

with Elie Lellouche's Shake

The Yoke (Sunday 3.35) able to

resist the challenge of A Votre

Sante, trained by Criquette Head. Shawanni (Burry Hills) and Ta Rib. Ed Dunlop's first

Classic runner, form the British

entry. The Prix Lupin, the day's

third Group One, should be an-

other for Lellouche, thanks to

his French Derby candidate.

FORM GUIDE A four-length winner of her single start so far, at Leicester last October, Oaks hope LADY CARLA has been worlding well and the filly, who cost 220,000gns as a yearling, is possed for a successful return. General Mascarthur, runner-up in the Leicester race, lended a Not-ingham handicap on the responsance and Lady Carla, a daughter of Caerfeon out of a Stinley Heights mare, should be in her element over this sort of trip. Moody's Carl, the only other looks entry under orders for this, won at Asont in the middle of three neces less seation and her unplaced run was in the Group 1 Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp. She will be straighter for her fourth at San Stro on her return. Even so, Lady Carla might have most to lear from Pears Chapple-Hyam? Meetbel, who held every chance a furling out when timed to Caesac Romance at Höydock in September on her only outing so far. Selection: LADY CARLA

| 4 | .45 | HSBC JAMES CAPEL HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,500 added 7f |
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| | 11,0730 | EASY CHOICE (USA) (15) (C) U Monton) P Milchell 4 8 10 |
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| 0 | 021,700 | MESTER FIRE EVES (10) (D) (CT Oley) C Bottom 4 8 7 |
| ĭ | 224 | MATTAMANNA (USA) (25) (Hamden Al Maleoum) H Thomson Jones 3 8 5R HEL 11 |
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no Combine, 9-1 Mater Fire Eyes, 14-1 Nemest, 15 Pasy Choice, 20-1 Shilloris Son, 25-1 Za-1995: Shehal 3 9 0 W Carons 8-11 (1 Deplet) 8 rati

FORM GUIDE

DOUBLE MATT struck form at Think on the last of seven starts last rerm and, all the better for his tourist to Deave at Doncaster (60 on Monday, might be good enough 10 show the way home here. Slowly away at Town Moor, Richard Hennon's numer could make no impression in the closing stages and today's extra farting should be a herb. Will riche won tour of his att starts last year, at Kempton, Chester and two on the Equitosch here. He will be sharper for his opening run when – in company with Be Warmed and Mileter Fire Eyes. — he firshed down the field in last week's Visconia Curl, Golden Potand, from Gay Reliasey's stable in form, won 8 Thirsk malden by three lengths three weeks ago and should go well despite being rejsed 12th since his last run in a handleap when fourth of 16 to Champagne Grandy here last month 68 Warmed 13th). Be Warmed also finished unplaced to Champagne Grandy here last month 68 Warmed 13th), Be Warmed also finished unplaced to Champagne Grandy here before that but was apprenice ridden in both races this season and Pat Edday, who has two on him before, lasks the mount today. Multimaniand finished numer-up in both his races as a juvenite in 1995 and shaped as though this eare furlong would surt when fourth to Essaled; at Newmerlest on his reappearance.

Selection: DOUBLE MATT

5.15 A A APPOINTMENTS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 2f

| 40- | MANGEMARY (281) (Surrey Bloodstock Partnership) Jamie Poullon 4 9 12 |
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| | MESTERN PLAYBOY (390) (Conal Parentigh) R Harron 4 9 12Deno O'Nell (3) 8 |
| 45- | BOLD CLASSIC (209) (Mrs H Pocks) J Duniop 3 8 11 |
| 0 | ELA AGAPI MORI (USA) (11) (Miss Andry Muinos) G Levis 3 8 11 |
| 4 | KING RUFUS (IA) (Mrs Audioy Proenchegh) J Amott 3 B 11 |
| | LEAD HIM ON (USA) (14) (Mrs P W Horris) P Horris 38 11 |
| 6-0 | SADLER'S REALM (11) (Chemicy Park Suri) M Stoute 3 B 11 |
| 9 | SEVENTH EDITION (1/4) (Beding Racing Club) O Surchel 3 8 11R Price 4 |
| 00-3 | SPARTAN HEARTHEAT (14) (C T Oley) C Brown 3 8 11 |
| | WOT NO FAX (Kemigup's Racing Poxineship) S Dow 3 9 11 |
| | INGERNIA (Prince Khalid Al Saud) H Cool 3 8 8 |
| 0-0 | LIBERATRICE (FR) (24) (Mis John Dunlop) E Dunlop 3 8 6 |
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RETURN: 5-2 logina, 3-1 Sparton Houritouir, 7-2 King Rubus, 5-1 Lend Him On, 6-1 Sadier's Rosim, 14-1 Build Clevelo, Liberatrice, 20-1 others 1995: Feloh 3 & 12 W Carson 7-2 (A Sewert) 11 ran FORM CUIDE

POPPM CUIDS:

NORTHA is fancied for a successful debut. She is by crack miler Warning and the first fool of Naswara, winner of two races over a mile and a half for the same yeard as a three-year-old a few seasons back. Pick of those with experience appears to be Spartan Hearthest, unplaced in both races less term but third of 1T to Hugetly (winner of a Chester handicap or Tuesday) on his opening run this season at Letcester a formlight ago. Sadlor's Realtm, a fwe-length soot to Dance Star at Nottingham on his only outing less season, never threat-end when unplaced againant Lear Jet at Bath 1.1 days ago on his return but should do better this time. King Ruttes ray well on his debut in finishing fourth of 16 to Iring Alex at Lecester a formlying ago when Lead Hims On was a four-lengths sixth.

Selection: INCRIMA

1 2265-55 COMMONER (5) R Harmon 4 9 2 2 20021-6 HIGH SHOT (1/4) G Lewis 6 8 0

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4.10 SOMERSET CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £7,650 added 1m 3f 144yds

- 4 declared -BETTING: 4-8 Commoner, 5-2 Royal Scimitar, 8-1 High Shot, 14-1 Charter

4.40 RADSTOCK HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,850 added 1m 2f 46yds

602210- SWEET PAYLONA (247) (CD) P Cole 4 8 4 ...

RACING RESULTS

LINGFIELD 1.50: 1. RUSSIAN MUSIC IR Cox 11-10 for, 2. Almuhimun 4-1; 3. Major Dundee 11-4, 10 ran. Hd, 3¹/₂. (Miss Gay Kelleway, Newmarket), Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £1.50, £1.20. DF; £5.20, CSF: £6.33, Tro: 11-10 tav 2.20: 1. CAVIAR ROYALE (Pat Eddery) 4-

2.20: 1. CAVAR ROYALE (Pot Edden) 4-9 for; 2. Enton Park 20-1; 3. Bold African 10-1.5 ram. 5, 1½. (R Hannon, East Everlegh). Tota: £1.30; £1.10, £3.20, DF: £5.90. CSF; £2.54.
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CRICKET: Tourists disappointed with Worcestershire's tactics while defending champions Warwickshire continue to dominate

Reeve leads from the front

HENRY BLOFELD

reports from Hove Warwickshire 645-7 dec Sussex 136-5

Warwickshire are going to take some stopping again this year. through Sussex like some cricketing tidal wave, and this second day was something of a personal triumph for their captain, Dermot Reeve, who played for Sussex from 1983-87.

Reeve is a most compelling cricketer. He is a captain who makes things happen, and there is great self-belief and oo little skill in all that he does himself. It is sad that Eogland have oot made more use of him, especially in one-day internationals. He began the day by com-pleting the seventh hundred of

DEREK HODGSON

Match drawn

reports from Worcester

India 349-5 dec & 165

Worcestershire 476-6 dec

The future of matches between

touring teams and the counties

was put in doubt yesterday by a frank admission from Worces-

tershire's Zimbabwean coach.

Dave Houghton Worcester-

shire batted on into the last day

of the three-day fixture, the dc-

claration not coming until they

had batted 117 overs, to India's

92 - a lead of 127 with only a

little over five hours' play left.

On this flat pitch, the march was

The Indians made little com-

plaint, but hinted that they

were disappointed. Houghton responded: "We've lost four competitive matches and need-

ed to get into nick. My job is to

win competitive matches. This

is a practice match. They went

into this match with two seam-

The question was rhetorical,

hut with Thursday's double

centurion, Graeme Hick, and

the Australian, Tom Moody,

available, in these conditions

even Damon Hill might have

for rain, losing 10 overs, would

have upset the run-rate target

sufficiently to have ruled out a

As it happened, two hreaks

been overtaken.

his career, and by the time the his right at just above waist declaration came, he had reached 168 in 230 halls, taking Warwickshire to the highest score made by either county in matches against cach other.

By then, Reeve had clearly decided that it was going to be his day, and he elected to open the bowling in tandem with Shaun Pollock, Reeve bustled in with that slightly idiosyncratic run-up from the Sea end, and in his third over James Hall pushed forward and Dominic Ostler picked up a quick, low

catch at first slip.
It was then Pollock's turn. He knocked Martin Speight's stumps all over the place with a fast yorker, only to find that it was a no-ball. In Pollock's next over, Speight aimed to play to wide mid-on; the ball teft him,

vardian seaside postcard. Today the Indians visit Glou-

cestershire, who will field a

team without Courtney Walsh,

their captain and overseas pro-

fessional, and Jack Russell,

their England wicketkeeper.

Various sponsors have attemp-

ted to spice up the competition by offering money prizes. Had Worcestershire won, Tetley's would have added £7,500 to

their players' pool, about balf of

Stan Collymore's reputed week-

ly wage. There is no need to

mention peanuts and monkeys.

Counties no longer want nor

peed matches against touring

sides. Tourists need practice between international matches,

as well as shorter tours and few-

er fixtures for less wear and tear

on the players, MCC, Minor Counties and British Universi-

ties would provide more chal-

lenging games.

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value of matches

pulled vigorously.

Even so, the 496 Sussex oeeded to save the follow-on was light years away, especially when Lenham was caught be-hind down the legside sweeping. **Coach questions**

Pollock was an object lesson for all fast bowlers. He had a lovely, smooth approach to the low-through, and he bowls from close to the stamps, which makes his bouncer difficult to play. He his both Athey and Law on their helmets, Pollock also bowls an excellent off-stump ing the concept of "making a game of it" as faded as an Ed-

fell in the last over before tea

Although Reeve took two wickets to Pollock's one in his opening spell, Pollock's influence will have contributed to his captain's success. A bowler of his ability is always going to have a big effect on the number of wickets which fall at the other

Gooch collects more records Round-up

Graham Gooch accumulated more records yesterday, some more significant than others. When four short of his century against Hampshire, the 121st of his career and his fifth in his last

six innings against Hampshire, he became the 12th highest

scorer in cricket history, over-

Moody, the Worcestershire captain, did not bother to bat taking Colin Cowdrey's 42,719. After the home side batted as his team, 91 ahead overnight, on to reach 539. Essex reached ers and two leg-spinners. What added 36 runs in 35 minutes, 209 for 2 at the close with Gooch unbeaten on 121.

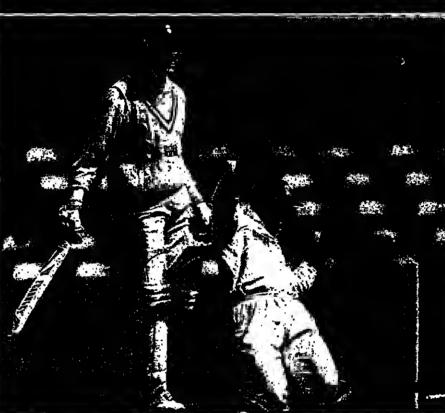
sort of a target would they Steven Rhodes completing a bave set us?"

Steven Rhodes completing a half-century to boost his benefollowed up his six wickets in the Ajay Jadeja and Vikrant first innings against Notting-Rathore. India's experimental hamshire with six more in the openers, then took the opporsecond innings at Taunton. The tunity of assembling a stand of visitors' lead, with just one 146 against the county's jourwicket remaining, is only 127. Derbyshire's new captain.

neymen seamers, Paul Thomas Dean Jones, helped steady his side at Sheffield, Replying to and Almagir Sheriyar.
The faithful Stuart Lampitt Yorkshire's 561, his side lost two eventually broke through by quick wickets to Chris Silverpersuading Rathore, voted man of the match for his 165 and 72 wood but the Australian hit an reached 128 for 3.







Hampshire's Shaun Udal can only watch as his deflected shot off the bowling of Essex's Paul Grayson rolls back and hits the wicket

Photograph: David Ashdown

Lewis proving an astute signing

DAVID LLEWELLYN

reports from The Oval Kent 225 **Surrey 360**

There can be few doubters left who do not believe that Chris Lewis was an astute signing by Surrey. He has served notice that his all-round skills have not deserted him as he helped haul his new county into the realms of respectability with his first half-century of the season.

If Lewis, who took two Kent wickets the day before, continues his current vein of form, there is no question that his international career will be res-He was positively messianic

at the crease yesterday as be and Surrey's other all-round acquisition, Brendon Julian, coped with dodgy light and awkward Kent bowling. Surrey were looking none too

steady when the pair came to-gether with six wickets down and 19 runs adrift of the Kent first innings.

But by the time Kent's pacey practitioner, Julian Thompson, was walking off to deserved ap-plause at the close of play, hav-ing returned a career-best 5 for

They added 89 for the sev-

enth wicket before Lewis was caught - at the third attempt by Martin McCague off Carl Hooper's off-spin - having made a high-class of in just over an hour. and a half, with a six and half a dozen fours included in the 92 balls he faced.

In that time, Lewis had mas-tered Kent's own beefy Big Mac McCague, who exploited the bouncy wicket to the full in 28 overs that were worthy of a lot more than the two wickets he coded up with.

Julian looks a great signing for the county. His innings of 74, which included a couple of big sixes and plenty of style and confidence all around the wicket, means that Surrey no longer bave much of a tail, and what there is left of it will give a vig-

But while praise is due to Lewis and Julian, it took a su-perlative innings of quality from Mark Butcher to hold the Surrey innings together earlier in

the day.

His fall, six runs short of what would have been a fourth firstclass century, was cruel. He played over one of fuller length from the worthy doctor after more than four hours at the

The chanceless knock by the left-handed opener marked him out for higher things later in the 72. Lewis and Julian had done

Hegg in high spirits after fourth century

MICHAEL AUSTIN reports from Old Trafford Lancashire 495

Leicestershire 98-5

Warren Hegg's winter months were spent as a barman. The drinks, probably hot chocolate, were on him last night. The Lancashire wicketkeeper made a career best 134 before pouch-ing four dismissals as Leices-

tershire were out foxed.

High spirits from Hegg were not an optical illusion because Lancashire look a buoyant force, prepared to mix the attritional bat-on-towards 500 with the flamboyant. Surely they will win something again championship title they last collected outright in 1934, a 62year blot on Old Trafford's otherwise handsome landscape.

Last year, they finished fourth. Now without Wasim Akram, they have another worthy, South Africa's Steve Elworthy, whose dismissal of his opposing over-seas player, Phil Simmons, legbefore pushing forward. enhanced their heart-warming, if body chilling day.

Hegg's fourth first-class

hundred improved on his previous highest of 130, scored as a night watchman at Northampton nine years ago. Freedom of strokeplay, and calm authority accounted for 22 fours and a six from 199 balls.

Hegg, now 28 and a former England A tourist, arrived at 240 for 5 and his dismissal to a mis-timed, lofted drive was the penultimate one. Leicestershire had kept their cool and their thermals with the off-spinner Adrian Pierson deserving his four wickets, the innings extending into 161 laborious,

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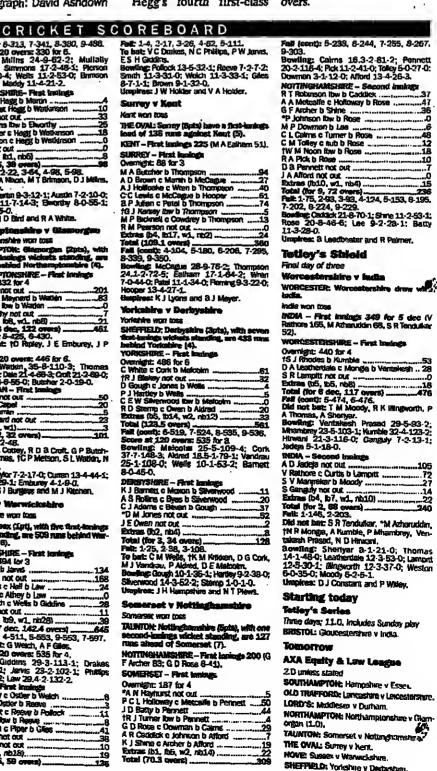
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Peter Martin, like most quick bowlers, fancies his chances with the bat and supported Hegg with the ability that un run-makers. As for Leicestershire, seeing Darren Maddy and Vince Wells open was an odd experience after all the years of Tim Boon and the now mjured Nigel Briers. The vision was purely temporary because Wells was taken at the wicket. pushing, and Maddy suc-cumbed to Watkinson's second ball, being expertly stumped. Watkinson proceeded to take three for 14 in 11-

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There are several candidates as a collective noun to describe football writers - a hack, an anorak, a crate but on Thursday evening at the annual Footballer of the Year award dinner it was clearly a congregation. The flock had gathered in the ballroom of a London hotel to pay their respects to the man they had voted as the finest footballer in the land and, for the sec-

and year running, he wasn't British. Indeed, on Europe Day, as The Sun encouraged its readers to turn their back on Brussels and fly the Union Jack, it was instructive to see the increasingly international texture of our national game reflected by the guests gathered for what the Foot-hall Writers' Association chairman called: "the most glittering social occasion in the football calendar"

(he obviously doesn't get out much). Whereas, as recently as five years ago, the only impenetrable accent would have been Peter Beardsley's, everywhere you looked this year there were foreigners struggling with the strange nuances of the English language (and that was before the port). Lennart Johansson, for instance, the president of Uefa, football's European governors, gave a short address. Now Johansson may be well versed in English, but he re-tains a problem with his Js. Which is fine when it comes to pronouncing his name "Yohansson", but became somewhat unfortunate when he started praising the FA politburo sitting around him for "the tremen-

dous yob that is going into the European Championships".

Even Rund Gullit, a Dutchman who speaks hetter English than most of the primary school children in the London borough of Islington,

looked lost during the speeches.

The player who has made more capital out of the language gap than anyone else in the game, however, was the evening's guest of honour. Eric Cantona, the only man in the room not wearing a tie, sat in the middle of the top table, his head glistening after an altercation with Vinnie Jones's barber. Around the tables there was much speculation about his acceptance speech. Would it have been scripted by the copy-writers at Nike's advertising agency? Would it continue the nautical theme of his last public utterance? Would Lennart chansson get any of the gags?

Jim White



We were to find out after the presentation of the award, a gong few could gainsay after his contribution to English football this season. Actually, several of the gathering did gainsay it. Brian Woolnough, of The Sun, who has fulminated in print against his colleagues for giving their prize to a man he appears to believe is the spawn of Satan, re-mained in his chair throughout a warm standing ovation, arms folded, mouth set in a scowl, a gesture which it seems unlikely the recipient of his distaste noticed.

When the speech came it was a hit like Bolton Wanderers' Premiership challenge: over very quickly. This is it in full: "Critics say some things. I throw them where they deserve, down the toilet. When people say nice things, I thank them. I wish good health of everyone in the world. That is more important even than the ... '

And this is where the confusion set in: it was unclear whether he said

swap earnest textual analysis. If he had said "money" then this was simply a trite generalisation. But had he said "morning" then this lent the speech all sorts of Blakeian texture. Most observers (though probably not Woolnough) gave him the benefit of the doubt and opted for the latter interpretation: after all, why betray the image we love to believe in of the French footballing philoso-

pher, the import who contrasts so vividly with our own dear Vinnie?. As this was Europe Day, there had obviously been some Franco-Ger-man talks conducted recently, and Cantona had clearly taken some advice from Jürgen Klinsmann. Last year, after Klinsmann scooped the

"money" or "morning". As soon as he had finished, huddles formed to length of the Mersey Tunnel of supine, pitiful, salivating hacks seeking his autograph. For over an hour he scribbled away until, by the time I got to the front of the queue, he looked dead-eyed with exhaustion.

None of that for Eric. He left the room immediately after receiving his gong accompanied, as always, by his minder, Alex Ferguson, the two of them leaving as the after-dinner speaker, Boh "The Cat" Bevan, rose to his feet.

"I'm surprised they've gone just as I'm about to speak," Bevan said. "I can only assume Eric and Alex didn't realise I was up here. Serves me right for wearing grey.

Mind you, I'm not sure Lennart Johansson got the joke.

Harrington cuts margin for error

ANDY FARRELL

reports from Madrid

backs

Padraig Harrington has dis-covered the secret of coping with Cluh de Campo's troublesome greens: to putt as infrequently, and over as little terrain, as possible. At the 17th he nearly eliminated the necessity to do so at all.

Harrington hit his eight-iron tee shot at the 163-yard par three to 10 inches, and so just missed out on a car, worth around £10,000, from the sponsors. Did he know about the prize? "Well. there was a car at the back of the tec-box, and even I can put two and two together," said the 24-year-old qualified accountant from Dublia.

During five years of exams, while he played in three Walker Cup matches, the only practising Harrington intended to do was on a golf course. His second & in seven events this year. round 64 yesterday not only encut of his rookie season - the record is thought to be Lee Westwood's twelve in 1994 - but gave him a three-shot half-way lead

in the Peugeot Spanish Open. "I knew I needed to improve my game before I turned professional and it is easier to do it as an amateur," said Harrington, who has won £40.145 to date to virtually secure his tour card. "On tour, every day you have to do your hest and play with what you have."

Harrington, who uses both the conventional and the cackhanded putting method as he feels the need, required only 25 putts, five of them for singlepun pars on the front nine. "The eight birdies do not tell the whole story," he said.

"I struggled on the front nine, then everything seemed to click from the 12th. I am delighted to sec my name at the top of the leaderboard, but the first two

days are the easy ones. It will be tough over the weekend.

"It is nice to make my ninth cut in a row, hut I know there will be a run of missed cuts sometime, I hope there will not be as many as nine. But I am not setting any more targets, I am

not expecting great things."

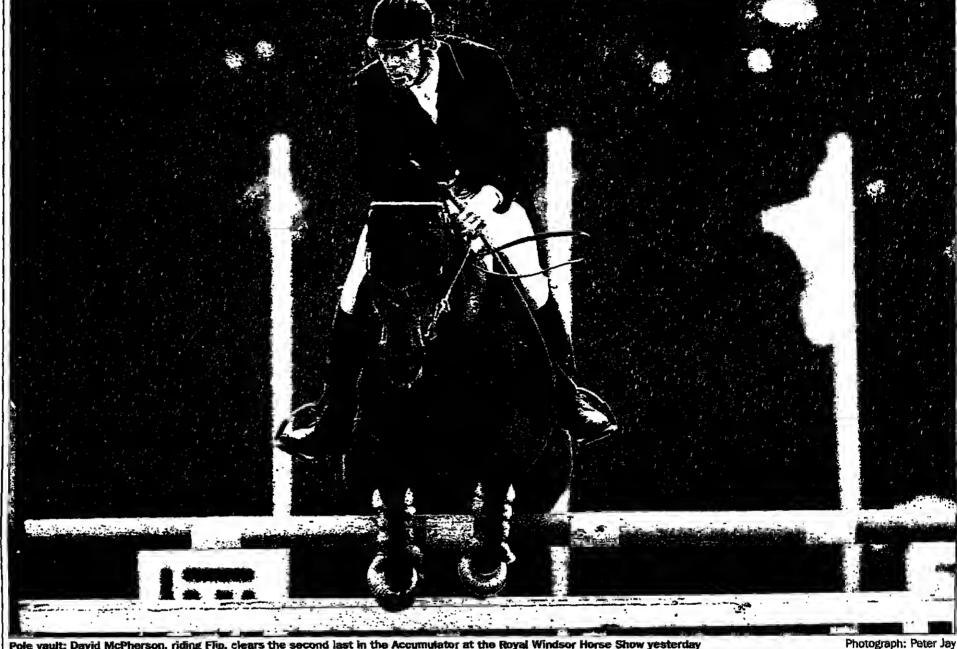
And what of the greens? "1 putted solid yesterday and well today, so what can I say?" Harrington missed from six feet at the last to match the course record, although it would not have counted because the tournament used preferred lies.

After his press conference. Harrington, eager to learn, lingered to listen to the comments of Seve Ballesteros. These proved to be nothing more than that he drove the ball well, his wrist was not troubling him and the improvement he seeks is coming slowly. A round of 70 meant he had made the cut for the only the third time

lain Pyman, the overnight leader, managed only three hours sleep before his 7.45am tee time after eating something that disagreed with him on Thursday night. A five-over 77, 11 shots worse than his opening effort, left Pyman nine behind Harrington.

His playing partner, the Welshman Marcus Wills, who has missed his last four cuts, was one of four men to improve to seven under par with a round of 70. He shares second place with Scotland's former Ryder Cup player, Gordon Brand Jur, who shot a five-under 67, Australia's Peter O'Malley and Per Haugsrud of Norway.

Wills, 23, who regained the tour card he lost after the 1994 season at the qualifying school. missed three times from inside three feet to emphasise the unpredictability of the greens, despite the fact he was playing in the first group of the day. Scores, Sporting Digest, page 27



Pole vault: David McPherson, riding Flip, clears the second last in the Accumulator at the Royal Windsor Horse Show yesterday

Mac makes it two in a row on eager Gringo

Equestrianism

GENEVIEVE MURPHY reports from Windsor

Emma-Jane Mac won the narode her long-standing partner, Gringo, to secure the Ladies' Championship. The 17-year-

to jump two clear rounds within the time allowed, defeating Lisa Murphy on Waysider and last year's runners-up, Di Lampard and Abbervail Dream.

Murphy, who has an artificial tional women's title for the second time in succession (and the third overall) when she mount of Joe Turi. The borse left all the fences intact, but was marginally over the time in each round. Victory still seemed old gelding was the only horse possible as the headstrong

settled the issue with a confident

jumping in the Dutch show at Eindhoven, where he won the derby two years ago. The old warrior has competed in virtually every type of contest, but Mac has not tackled the Silk Cut Derby at Hickstead with him. She has visions of Gringo tak-

Gringo went charging into the ing charge on the approach to earlier Accumulator on Man-last fence, before Mac's mount the 10ft 6in derby bank and cuso, a horse that he bought five leaping straight off the top of it. leap for victory. Mac won last year on the Next weekend Gringo will be mare Diamond, who has since had two operations - one on a chipped bone, the other to remove an ovary which had two tomours on it. It is hoped that

the mare is now in foal to the stallion, Randi, who is ridden by John Whitaker. Geoff Billington won the he said.

years ago at the same time as his possible Olympic mount, It's Otto. Billington, now 41, has never had Olympic ambitions before but he will certainly be thinking of Atlanta when he rides It's Otto on the British team at Hickstead later this month. "I think my horse is that

ROYAL WINDSOR HORSE SHOW: Ladles' Championship: 1 Gringo (E-J Mac) clear, 53.51sec; 2 Waysider (L Mur-phy) 1.5 fauths, 61.66; 3 Abbervall phy) 1.5 faults, 61.66; 3 Abbervall Dream (Diampset) 4 faults, 45.09. Accumulation: 1 Mancuso (6 Billington) 30pts, 43.01secs; 2 Harlem (6 Williams) 36, 45.54; 3 Quick Star (N Sketon) 36, 45.57. Harrods International Driving Grand Prix. (standings after dressage): Horse feeins: 1 G Bownan, 41.0 periaties; 2 P Thomas, 51.0; 3 R Margray, 51.7, Pony teams: 1 G First, 42.7; 2 P Gammel, 50.0; 2 Dules of Edinburgh, 59.7. Hermas Dressage Grand Prix 1 Enfant (V Thompson) 66.67%; 2 Mester Mouse (I Jackson) 65.53%; 3 Dikidioo (K Mephany) 63.93%.

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(Tel. 0121 778 4112).
CLAY PRESON SHOOTSNE: English Open Sporting Charponship IShugborough). John Bidwel, the world champion, and the 19-year-old Pactar | Faulds, who represents Brisan at the Opmit Agames, are among the kne-up. The leading 15 per cent of shootes from the first bur day go through to the first temorrow, Spectaurig is free. Shugborough Shooting School, Oshedge Park, Wolseley Bridge, Satisfordshire, is off ASI3 Rugeley to Stafford free! (Tel. 01869 881.391).

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CYCLING: Women's National 10-mile Time Trial Championehip (Nendel, Cumbins). First noer sets out at 2.01pm. Serah Philips, the
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Saturday after moving from the traditional Wednesday lest year and a huge
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Hockey WOMEN'S UNDER-19 YOURNAMEN'T Firmle: Harleston Magnies, Otton and Woot Warwick, Badford Swithenbank, East Grinstead, Por-tscheed (9.30-5.50) (at Allton Neynes Sta-dkart). Speedway

7.30 unless stated PREMIER LEAGUE Bradford v Belle Vue; Covertry v Swindon; Cradely Heath & Stoke v Scottish Monarchs; Eastbourne v Reading.

Other sports AMERICAN POOTBALL: World League: Am-sterdam v London Monarchs; Frankfurt v Scot-tish Claymores. BONEAN British crusserweight championsh T Dunstan (Hackney, holden v J Keat (Sheffield) (York Hati, Bettinel Green). CYCLERE: Women's National 10-mile Time Tra-al Championship (Cumbris). EQUESTRIANISM: Royal Windsor Horse GOLF; England v France (Sunningdele); Scot-tish PGA Chempionesia (Delmanoy),

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STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Castleford v Workington Town (5.30); St. Helens v Lon-don Broncos (5.0); Warrington v Sheffield Eagles, First Division; Devebury v White-haven; Hull v Salford (3.15); Keighley Naven; Hull v Salford (3.1.5); Regitley Cougars v Featherstone Rovers (3.30); Welsefeld Imity Rochdele Homets (3.30); Widnes v Huddersfield. Second Division; Bramley v Swinton (5.0); Carlisle v Prescot; ncester v Hull Kingston Rovers; Leigh v ic South Wales v Chorley (6.0) fat Aber-

Hockey WOMEN'S CLUB MATCH: Slough v lpswich (2.30) (at Cressex, High Wycombe).

Speedway PREMIER LEAGUE: Scottish Monarchs rough (6.30) (at Glasgow). CONFERENCE LEAGUE Eastbourne v Sit-tingbourne (1.0); Mitigenhali v Berwick (3.0); Swindon v Arena Essex (6.0). CONFERENCE LEAGUE CHALLENGE: LIN-Rthgow v Cleveland (2.30).

Other sports CYCLING: Tour of the Marshes (Kent). EQUESTRIANSSM: Windsor Horse show. GOLF: Engant v France (Summingdale); Scot-tish PGA Championship (Dalmahov). MOTORCYCLING: British Superbike Champ-MOTOR RACING: Kodak British Empire Tro-

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

Before that I was like a child, sort of waiting to do the next stupid thing. But what I have learned is not to make the same mistake twice. Eric Cantona on his kung-fu kick and the community service sentence it earned him.

■ Will I be strengthening my squad? Well, put it this way. Manchester United have just won the League again and they will be strengthening their side Ron Atkinson, Coventry City's manager.

They could have taken the mickey out of us. when they were 52-0 ahead - but they didn't Jon Callard, of Bath, reflects on the union side's meeting with Wigan under rugby league rules. ...

1 still think I have got another two or three left in me. As long as I still have the buzz for the big tournaments, I will carry on playing. Stephen Hendry after sealing, a record-equalling sixth

world snooker title. l can't believe it. Nothing surprises me in football but I certainly didn't see this one coming that's for sure. Barry Fry after being sacked as manager of Birmingham

Success tempers Ferguson's famous fury



phones and tape recorders under his nose, a dozen photographers firing flash guns at his leet, two

score reporters and six TV crews in front of his face. You could almost see Alex Ferguson thinking: "It's a long way from "!kit.g to one bloke with a notebook at East Stirling." Later, when the madding crowd

had departed with their soundhites and quotes, Ferguson admined: "I do think that sometimes. The most daunting time was when I was managing Scotland in the Mexico World Cup. I went into this big room and it was just packed with media; there were so many of them, it was unbelievable. I've been immune to it ever since." Wednesday's open day at Old Trafford was, therefore, just another

day in the career of this remarkable

'You can look back at records but for me the next one is important. Success is a fleeting thing'

ferred upon him in some quarters since Manchester Uoited's title triumph on Sunday and, though challenges remain, it will not be too generous an assessment if United de-feat Liverpool today to secure an unparalleled second double.

That the seasoo is ending in glory recalls that it began in turmoil. Wedoesday was not just a loog way from East Stirling, it was a long way

from August.
It is difficult to remember now but, back then, Ferguson was under pres-sure. Mark Hughes, Andrei Kanchelskis and hafflingly, Paul Ince had been sold and no one bought. Even supporters' groups were wondering if he had lost the plot. Only one man seemed to believe it was all under

control: Ferguson himself. On opening day's eve, a relaxed and confident Ferguson told The Independent: "Just because three players have left, the tabloids have made it an end-of-the-world situation. I do not feel threatened. Why should I? People say I should have bought a player, but it is very difficult to get



Reasons to be cheerful: Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, is in a relaxed frame of mind as he contemplates a second double

one who can get in our team." The following day, a youthful United side conceded three goals to Aston Villa in the opening 45 minutes at Villa Park and, one wondered, is it really impossible to strengthen this team? As Gary Neville said this week: "I don't think any other manager would have put the faith in the young players he has done."

Ten months on and Ferguson's faith in youth has been vindicated, along with his trust in experience. He had also said that day at The Cliff: "I expect great things from my good players: [Gary] Pallister: [Peter] Schmeichel: [Roy] Keanc. That is the backbone of my side. I hope [Ryan] Giggs emerges to be the great player I know he is going to be. These are important players. If we are

goiog to win the League, we oeed them all performing."

Apart from Pallister, who has played well hut too rarely, they have not let him down. Schmeichel and Keane have been the foundations on which Giggs, with Eric Cantona, have ineered the championship success.

Schmeichel has had his best-ever season," Fergusoo said this week.
"He has produced his saves wheo it really mattered. It is easy to make saves at 4-0 up, he has made saves at important times, at 0-0, or 1-0, Eveo at Bolton [where United won 6-0] he made two great saves before

"Keane is one of the best players in Britain. I would not swap him for anyone. He has a great football hrain, can run all day and never gives

the ball away. Giggs has been terrific. He has been injury free and matured into a lovely player.

Looking back at that interview, there is just one discordant note. Fer-guson also "expected great things from Andy Cole". But that is balanced by David Beckham's emergence for, in August, Ferguson admitted the one arca he was seeking to strengthen was on the right-wing. He may still be looking but Beckham has filled in more than adequately.

"I think Beckham can be a wideright player of a different type," Ferguson said. "He has good running power and can cross the ball well. Obviously he doesn't have Kanchelskis' pace and that is something we have missed but he gives us other things." Ferguson will he looking at

potential signings during the Euro-pean Championship. As ever, he is already planning ahead. "You can look back at records but for me the next one is important. Success is a fleeting thing, a brief moment when the referee's whistle goes. Then it is

on to the next one." Thus, oo Monday morning he was back at his desk at 9.30 speaking, with barely disguised relish, of the need to bring the players in for training that day to "run out of their legs what they put into them last night". For Ferguson himself it was just "a couple of glasses of champagne" though, in the wake of Sunday's triumph on Teesside, he did put our scheduled conversation back a couple of hours - he is normally

He was in chirpy mood, as he has

thought they were all right but, when I saw them perform, I knew it had bitten them too deep. It's a major difference this year. I'm not being over-confident but Roy Evans will know what I'm talking about."

Ferguson often talks about his team in paternal terms. This is not unusual amoog football managers but at least Ferguson, at 54, is of an age where it sounds appropriate. To the younger players especially he is, Phil Neville said, "a father figure".

These days he is a protective parent rather than the intimidating one of the past. Football managers are often noted for their tempers but Ferguson's is legendary even by the standards of the genre. He once exploded in the Aberdeen dressingroom, kicking the laundry basket as he did so. A pair of underpants landed on the head of the player next to the one he was laying into. The

'I don't think you'd ever say he was relaxed, but he's mellowed. That's his age, his experience

adorned player was too scared to move and sat rigid until Ferguson, spotting him, berated the unfortunate for wearing them, "Getting on the wrong side of his temper is not the best thing you can do," said Lee Sharpe, with a hiot of knowing

While that temper is still there - and can be turned on with alarming speed - it is less frequently seen these days, "He's calmed down," Sharpe added, Brian McClair, one of Ferguson's first signings, said: "I don't think you'd ever say he was relaxed, but he's mellowed, I think that's his age, his experience, his achievements.

Whatever today's result, only the Champions' League remains absent from Ferguson's roster of success. "I think we oeed a couple of players," he said. "It is a big challenge. I think if we can improve tactically and get proper preparation we will be all

"His great strength is his single-mindedness," McClair added, "His ability to make decisions and stick to them. He's got real self-belief that what he's doing is right. His record suggests he usually is."

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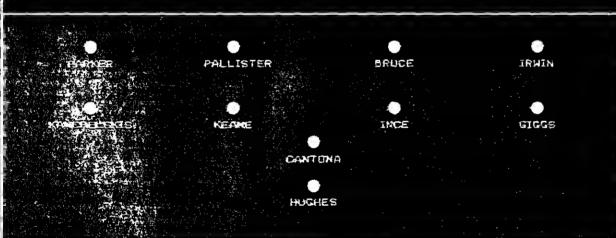
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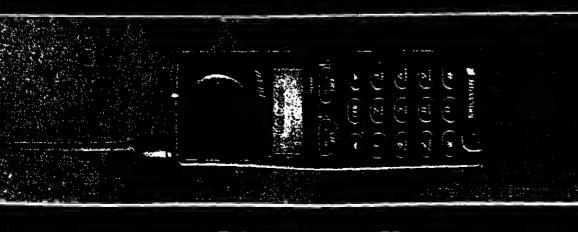
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hat there was nothing we could do. Come the middle of the week I Maturing Fowler in a rush to achieve more goals

beco all week. His team have been

equally upbeat; all but Cantons and Cole mixing happily with the press

on Wednesday. The contrast with this

corresponding week last season has

been marked, an indication that,

while success may be fleeting, fail-

make preparation much easier," Ferguson admitted. "Whatever team I play I think they will enjoy it and

be confident. Last year we were flat after losing the League. The dressing-room right after the game at West Hamlast season was terrible. The di-

rectors and myself were patting their

heads and trying to lift them, because

we knew we had the final coming up.

Winning the championship will

ure has a unhappy longevity.



The scene outside Liverpool's trainiog grouod, Melwood, was not unusual in that there was a group

of people wanting to meet Rohbie Fowler. Their purpase? "We've come to present him with a trophy," one said to a sceptical security man. With exaggerated weariness, he noted a came acd shut the Getting hold of Fowler is al-

most an industry in Liverpool. We hear all sorts of stories." another club employee explained later. You know what they're like

round here. They'll try anything on. Robbie must have around a thousand cousins and a hundred brothers and sisters." As it happened, the callers

this time were genuine and proudly had their photographs taken with their old boy. The trophy was for player of the year, circa 1990, for a boys' team that had also included Everton's Tony Grant.

"Funny thing is, we all thought Inoy would be the one," a man from the presen-tation party said. "He's doing fine, he's a good player, but Robbie's unbelievable.

It is something Premiership defenders would reluctantly agree with. For years their hat-tered senses could take comfort that Ian Rush might still be deadly but at least he was getting old. No one could be as good as Rushic, surely? Then Fowler came along, suggesting he might even be hetter.

Rush, himself, noted it straight away. "He was 14 or 15," he said, "but the first time he got the ball he turned and made space for himself. That's a skill only a natural striker

Since scoring on his debut at Fulham in September 1993. this instinct has yielded 85 goals in less than three seasons. He in the area and you doo't fear has also been voted Young Player of the Year twice by his fellow professionals and capped by England. On top of that, if he strikes against Manchester United today at Wembley, he will become the first player to score in every round of the FA

Guy Hodgson on the young Anfield striker whose progress has astounded



Fowler: Cause for celebration Photograph: Bradley Ormesher

Cup since Peter Osgood in

Bandwagons are to be avoided, but Fowler has had so many luminaries in the game singing his praises. With this one, you cither get on or risk being run

"He's the closest thing to Jimmy Greaves I've seen," Denis Law, the former Manchester United and Scotland striker, said. "Possibly braver. There are many players who get the ball any danger. He gets it and you think 'that's going in'."

His second goal, a looping shot from 20 yards, to last month's semi-fical against Aston Villa, had Law purring. "A lot of players would have lashed at it but be almost lobbed his shot and gave the goalkeeper oo chance at all. That takes a lot of skill and even more confidence."

Roger Hunt, a member of the Liverpool dynasty of strikers, is equally effusive. "His reputation has meant he was bound to get more attention from defenders and he more closely marked. The fact that he's still getting goals in the face of that shows how good he is. His rate of scor-

ing is terrific." Strangely, his most productive season so far - 36 goals began with Fowler, 21, seemingly at odds with his renown and his manager, Roy Evans, The signing of the £8m Stan Collymore and the continued excellence of Rush meant he was substitute for the first two of Liverpool's matches and had Collymore not been injured against Leeds, his partial haoishment might have continued. The moments of indiscipline

that included a £1,000 fine from the FA and a severe admonishmeot from the club for an indiscreet interview in the magazine Loaded seemed to be coming thicker and faster.

When he turned up at Melwood with a black eye administered by his team-mate, Neit Ruddock, a talent seemed to be heading for self-destruction. Thankfully, he has avoided pressing the hutton.

"I occded to grow up," Fowler conceded, "and I have done. It hurt like hell when I was left out at the start of the season hut I kept my mouth shut and oever said a word of complaint to the boss. I knew I'd get the chance, and when I de I'd do well. I've oever lacked coofidence in myself.

"If I ever got flash, my dad would soon put me down. He's watched every game I've played since I was II and he knows when to put me in place. Anyway, I'm oot hig-headed in the least. I like to think I'm the same Robbie Fowler now who joined Liverpool as a kid."

The same Fowler who has put four goals past Manchester Uni-ted this season - Rush needed a decade to get his first against them - and who has struck at such a prolific rate that Collymore has had to adapt to become part provider for his

younger partner.
United, certainly, are wary. "He has a lot of attributes." Brian McClair, who played against him at Anfield this sensoo, said. "He scores goals with his left foot, right foot, headers. One of his best attributes is his movement. He's very intelligent and very quick. I wouldn't like

to mark him." Fortunately for McClair he is unlikely to have to. That will fall to either David May or Steve Bruce, and their success or otherwise in keeping Fowler quiet will have a great bearing on where the

FA Cup goes today. want to wait six years to get his

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Truth is, of course, that one of football's great occasions can have an insidious effect on even the most experienced players

with a sportswriter whose friendship we share, and before Manchester United secured another League championship, Alex Ferguson stated that the FA Cup final against Liverpool today has all the makings of a memorable en-

In the flair and imagination available to both teams, personality and pride, Ferguson sees the prospect

of a "brilliant game". The other night we were talking some grizzled veterans of my trade - about Ferguson's remarks and trying to recall a Cup final that fulfilled all expectations.

Difficult. Dramas certainly. And the romance of heroic contributions. Tales that have passed into the lore

Last week, in conversation of the game. But great matches? Now you are struggling.

Truth is of, course, that one of football's great occasions can have an insidious effect on even the most experienced players. "Go out and enjoy yourselves," sounds great in the dressing room but it does not always work when the team gets out

We had, in 1961, a prime example nf what you have probably guessed I am going on about. Hav-ing raised the standard of English football immeasurably, Tottenham Hntspur won the Championship with three games to spare and were expected to outclass Leicester City in the final. They became the first club this century to complete the

satisfaction. "That wasn't Tottenham out there," I recall Bill Nicholson saying, "We didn't do ourselves jus-

Wearied by his efforts in the League, the great Dave Mackay proved in be a spent force. Danny Blanchflower could find no inspi-ration. Even with Leicester's rightback, Len Chalmers, a limping pas-senger after just 19 minutes, Tottenham's heroes could be found in

Tottenham also took part in one of the more thrilling modern finals, one that embarrassed popular prophecy. Few imagined, in 1987, that Coventry City had the beating of a team that included such virtuosos as Glenn Hoddle, Osvaldo double but not to their manager's Ardiles and Chris Waddle, but they



tra time much to the bounding delight of their exuberant manager,

spell in Italy with Torino, gave proof

John Sillett. Leicester were Manchester United's opponents in the 1963 final when Denis Law, back from a brief

that he was one of the game's most beroism in the case of their goal- for Southampton in 1976 brought thrillingly effective attackers.

In contrast to Saturday's situatinn, United had finished their League programme in 19th place, only just avoiding relegation. Cast-ing serious doubts on their chances in the final, Frank McGhee, then with the Daily Mirror, dubbed them: "The team you can't trust." Brilliant one week, exasperatingly poor the next. "Nabody knew what to expect from us," Bobby Charl-

Wembley brought the best ont of them. Law was outstanding - 'out of this world," the Brazil manager, João Saldanha, would later say of him - his goal and two from David Herd securing a 3-1 vitory.

For unquenchable spirit, sheer

keeper, Jim Montogomery, few finals have raised more excitement than Sunderland's remarkable 1-0 victory in 1973 when their opponents, Leeds United were one of the most powerful clubs in

For some players, fame achieved in the Cup final proved ephemeral. Johnny Nicholls was a member of the West Bromwich Albion team that defeated Preston in the 1954 final, played twice for England that year, and then disappeared quick-ly from the game. Mostly forgotten Wembley heroes include Mike Trebilcock, who scored two of Everton's three goals when they overcame Sheffield Wednesday in 1966, and

the late Bobby Stokes, whose goal

about the suprising defeat of Man-

chester United. Of all the tales about Cup finals. none sopeals to me more than one ong a marvelinusly creative little Scottish international, Jimmy Logic, who was Arsenal's mainspring when they reached the 1950 final

against Liverpool.
When it came time for Arsenal to take the field, Logie could not be found, failing to show up until they were nut of the dressing room tunnel. Logie had sneaked off to get the result of a dog race. "It got beat," Logic called to his team-mate, Alex Forbes, while the teams were being presented. Now there's Cup final coolness for you. Played splcn-

Portents good for Palace coup

According to the sages and statistics, the four sides striving for Fromotion to the Premiership are wasting their time turning np for the 10th running of the

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play-off stakes Conventional wisdom maintains that a club not good enough to gain automatic promotion from the First Division need to spend between £10m and £20m to survive. Of the past six play-off winners, only Blackburn, to whom such sums are small change, have not suf-

fered instant relegation. None of which will prevent tomorrow's semi-final, first-leg matches being among the most fiercely contested of the season. Since the play-offs are in essence cup-ties, especially the one-off Wembley finals, it is unsurprising that League form

tends to count for little. Ignoring the first two years, when matters were confused by mixing one relegation-threatened side in with three aspiring

SUPERT METCALF

Barry Williams.

The Brigg Town back-room

staff that will take their team from Humberside to Wembley for tomorrow's FA Carlsberg

Vase final against Clitheroe in-

cludes a man who has played in

three Wembley cup finals - but

no one will enjoy the day more

than their general manager,

A Welshman who moved to

Brigg after the Second World

War when he married a local girl

and started a greengrocers'

business. Williams bas been in-

volved with the club for half a

century. "He started out as a

committee member, he was chairman for about 30 years

and, when he stepped down two

years ago, we made him gener-

al manager," Brigg's secretary.

Bob Taylor, said. "He's at the

club every day, he looks after the

office but does so much more. Right now [Thursday evening]

he's running the bingo."
Williams will be watching

his team play at Wembley for the first time. A trip to the na-

tional stadium is no novelty.

bowever, for Brigg's assistant

manager, John Kaye. He played

Phil Shaw looks at the clubs chasing promotion through

to upward mobility, just eight of the 21 winners of the divisional finals have been the clubs who

the play-offs

finished highest. That may have been a worrying portent for Crystal Palace but for the fact that when they came third in 1989, they went on to win the final. Palace's hosts, Charlton, are also play-off veterans, having stayed up at Leeds' ex-

pense in the inaugural season. As if a derby with so much at stake was not going to be tense enough, it will take place against a backdrop of bitterness. Resentment that built up when they shared Selhurst Park bas been revived by a row over tick-

ets for Wednesday's second leg. Palace allocated their neighbours only 2,900, claiming they

for West Bromwich Albion in the 1967 and 1970 League Cup finals and, in between in 1968,

became the first man to be sub-

A tough defender who also

played at Wembley for the

Football League representa-

tive side, Kaye's first club was

Scunthorpe United, where one

of his colleagues was Ralph

stituted in an FA Cup final. -

Williams to savour

Brigg's big day

were unable to offer 25 per cent of their capacity, as laid down in League rules, because of police concerns about segrega-tion. The Charlton Athletic Supporters' Club planned to seek an injunction stopping the

game, but backed down yesterday because they feared uncertainty over the fixture might harm their team's preparations. However, the CASC secre-tary, Rick Everitt, said many

Charlton followers had bought tickets independently, which could lead to their ending up in bome sections of the ground, He held Palace "fully responsible for any problems that could arise", adding that the police had told him they had nelther discussed the matter with Palace, nor been aware of the 25 per cent stipulation.

The other First Division semifinal, at Filbert Street, pits a Leicester side who won six and drew one of the final eight games against Stoke, unbeaten m seven. Yet in terms of resources, the contrast is stark. Martin O'Neill splashed £2m on Neil Lennon and Steve Claridge, whereas Lou Macari's sole outlay for eash-strapped Stoke was £150,000 to top up the swap which secured Mike Sheron.

The former Norwich striker's scoring streak - 15 goals in 22 starts - has capped an upsurge in Stoke's fortunes. Macari, whose limited options include his son. Mike, rejected an invitation to take part in a penalty shoot-out before the FA Cup final. "It's a long way to go for one shot," he reasoned, "and we need to concentrate on getting

Clayton, Brigg's manager. to Wembley ourselves." Apart from a five-year break, In the Second Division semi-Clayton bas been with Brigg finals, Crewe are appearing in the play-offs for the fourth seasince the 1960s, and he brought son in five. While they have yet Kaye with him when he returned to the club six years ago. to emerge triumphant, their They're a couple of characopponents, Notts Comty, went up two years running at Wemters," Taylor said of Clayton and Kaye. "Kaye does the tactics, bley. Psychological factors may Clayton is the motivator. also influence the outcome be They've seen it all. They treat our lads like their kids." tween Bradford City, who finished the regular season on a . Brigg, of the Northern Counhigh, and Blackpool, who blew

out badly. ties East League, have two ex-Neil Warnock, who presided perienced former Foothall League players in their side: the over both Notts County's playoff successes and led Hudderstriker Andy Flounders, once of Hull City, and the former sfield up by the same route last Blackburn defender. David May, takes Plymouth to Colch-Mail. Clitheroe, their opponents from the North West ester for a sell-out Third Division affair. The only play-off virgins among the 12 clubs in-volved, Hereford and Darling-Counties League, can field several players who were with Colne Dynamoes when they ton, lock horns next to the cattle market at Edgar Street.

Francis returns to St **Andrew's**

Trevor Francis has been confirmed as the new manager at Birmingham City. The former Queen's Park Rangers and Sheffield Wednesday manager

has signed a three-year contract with the First Division club. David Sullivan, the club's owner, said: "The boy wonder is back at Birmingham - someone with a passion and feeling for the club and an affinity with the city and supporters. It was a unanimous decision by the board of directors to appoint him and f

hope he brings back the fans who watched him 20 years ago." Francis, who started his career at St Andrew's, said: "I always felt I'd like to be a boss again, as long as it was with an ambitious club, who matched my desire to achieve things. Birngham fit the bill perfectly." Sullivan indicated that Francis would be given at least £2m to spend on new players.

Bristol Rovers are not renewing the contract of their manager, John Ward. "I was sacked at a six-minute meeting with the vice-chairman, Geoff Dunford," said Ward, whose contract was due to run out at the end of next month. "I offered to sign a fresh contract, which had been put to me some time ago, but was told the board had now decided to look elsewhere," Ward added.

Graham Rix has been drafted in to coach the England Under-21 squad for the Toulon tournament from 24 May to 3 June. Dave Sexton, the Under-21 manager, chose the Chelsea coach because Ray Wilkins, the Queen's Park Rangers play-er-manager, is unavailable. Clive Berlin has taken over as

chairman at relegated QPR following Paul Thompson's decision to put the club up for sale. Berlin, the club's football administration manager, is in his second spell at the club after previously being general manager. He is joined on the board by Alan Hedges, who is ap-pointed managing director. The future of the GM Vaux-

hall Conference champions, Stevenage Borough, will be clearer on Thursday when the Conference and the Football League have management committee meetings. Stevenage have is-sued writs against the Football League and the Third Division's bottom club, Torquay, in an attempt to win promotion - despite failing to meet stadium criteria by the 31 December deadline.



Graf beaten on clay by Hingis

Martina Hingis gave the world No 1, Steffi Graf, her first defeat on clay in almost two years yesterday when she beat the German in the quarter-finals of the Italian Open in Rome.

The 15-year-old Swiss sixth seed demonstrated why she is tipped as a future champion, recovering from the loss of the first set to win 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 for the best victory of ber short career. "Tve just beaten the world

No 1," an ecstatic Hingis, ranked 20 in the world, said. "It feels great."

For Graf, unbeaten in tournaments this year and winner of three of last year's four grand she had shown in earlier rounds.

clay since she lost to Mary Pierce in the French Open semi-finals two years ago. The 26-year-old German,

playing her first tournament of the season on clay, has struggled all week to adapt her game to the slow Foro Italico surface. A flow of unforced forehand errors was largely to blame for her defeat by Hingis.

"I've got to get physically in shape for Paris," Graf said, adding that she would not be ask for a wild-card entry for next week's Berlin Open. "I'll take some days off, try to relax a bit,"

In the first set Graf appeared to have ironed out the problems

slams, it was the first defeat on. Three of the first four games German turned on the power, breaking serve twice to take the next four games and the set. At the start of the second set, however, Hingis started showing

> the Australian Open in January. Mixing her game by coming up to the net and surprising her opponent with neat drop shots, Hingis broke Graf's service three times to level at one set each. Refusing to be overawed

332 total weeks as world No 1

next week, Hingis broke serve

in the fourth game of the final set to take a 3-1 lead.

the talent which made ber the voungest-ever quarter-finalist at by an opponent 11 years her senior and due to set a record nf

Graf broke back, but the criwent to deuce but, at 2-2, the sis was not over as the German's erratic groundstrokes gave Hingis three break-points in the eighth game.

Two were saved but on the third the German served a double fault to go 5-3 down. Five points later it was all over.

"It was a great chance for me to beat her because she hasn't been playing that many tour-naments lately," said Hingis, "but I haven't won anything, I've just reached the semi-finals." Pete Sampras, the world No 1, has withdrawn from next week's Italian Open fallowing the death of his coach and close friend Tim Gullikson. Michael Chang has also pulled out because of an injury.

MEN'S GERMAN OPEN (Hamburg) Third round: W Ferrera (SA) bt R krajock (Neth) 6-4 6-3; S Bruguera (Sp) bt J Bunto (Sp) 6-2 7-6. Quarter-finest: R Carrerrera (Sp) bt G Schaller (Au) 4-5 6-4 6-4; Y Kafelndov (Rus) bt Bruguera 6-2 7-6; M Roos (Chriet bt Ferrera 3-6 6-4 6-4; A Corretja (Sp) bt M Larsson (Swe) 6-1 6-4.

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McRae slides to success

Britain's world champion, Colin McRae, made full use of his skill and survival instincts after a treacherous opening day of the Indonesia Raily, Asia's first round of the World Champ-

McRae drove cautiously on roads often made slippery by heavy rain to take the lead in his Subaru Impreza, though be finished just five seconds ahead of his Finnish title rival, Tommi Mākinen, in a Mitsuhishi.

Phil McGuire staked his claim

for Olympic selection with two

penalty corner goals in Ipoh yes-

terday as Britain restored some

faith in themselves with a 2-0

win against a young Dutch side.

McRae, the winner of this event last year when it was not part of the World Championship, summed up the day: The conditions on the stages are comparable to trying to stand on a wet and slippery bar of scap. You've got to go flat out on the good bits, but when it's wet,

won the Vase in 1988.

you've got to slow right down."
Mākinen had been living dangerously, spinning twice and putting a dent in one side of the car when he hit a bridge. Mākinen has won the first two rounds of the Championship.

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PJ Gallagher will make the first defence
of his British super-featherweight championship against Charles Shepherd. Gallagher, who won the vecent
super-featherweight title when he beat
Davey Mchleile, of Glasgow, at Crystal
Patace last month, must fight Shepherd

The defender Greg Rioch, the 20-year-

The Rangers manager, Walter Smith, was named Bell's Manager of the Year in Scotland yesterday, but only by one vote from Celtic's Tommy Burns. Rangers won the Scottish Premier Division title for the cleath according to the eighth successive year and are in the Tennents Scottish Cup Final against Hearts on 18 May.

Hears on 18 May.

Spenish League authorities plan to reduce the number of non-European Union players allowed in teems in the wake of the Bosman ruling which outlaws restrictions on EU players. Under the scheme, teams will be permitted three non-EU players on the field at any one time next season, but this will be progressively reduced to two the following year and one in the 1998/99 season. ear and one in the 1998/99 season. year and one in the 1990-999 season. The European Cup finalists Juventus have agreed to stay at Turin's Della Alpi stadium for another season after threatening to quit and move to Bologna. Officials from Juventus and their dity rivals Torino, who have been relegated as Earth Report cases and their dity alto Sarle B next season, met city au-thorities for seven hours to work out B deal which allows the two clubs to control advertising at the stadium and to pay a reduced yearly rent. Jo Bonfree, the Dutchman who left his

job as coach of Nigeria last month af-ter a dispute with the African country's football essociation, has returned to take up his post. AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION First Divi-elest Queen's Park Rangers 0 Charlett 2: Wet-ford 1 Brighton 3. INV J. STEPMEN 3.
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Woburn will host this year's tournament, followed by Sunningstele in 1997, Royal Lytham and St Annes the following year, Woburn in 1999 and Royal Birkdale in the year 2000. PRIO LEADERBOARD RAMINASS: 1. L De (Eng) 355,54pt; 2 Å Screnstam (Swe) 345, 8 L Neumenn (Swe) 285,18; 4 k Robbas (244,15; 5 M Mallon (US) 218,03; 6 B De

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introduction of the control of the c Rugby League Mark Presson, the 29-year-old Halifax Winger, has joined First Division Widnes

for an undisclosed fee. The former Fyldi

rugby union and Wigan player will make his debut against Huddersfield tomorrow. AUSTRALIAN PREMIERSHIP: St George 2 Rugby Union SUPER-12 TOURNAMENT (Sydney): New South Water 52 Westington 25.

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TODAY'S NUMBER 200

The price, in US dollars, of a place in the heavens for the Fiorentina striker, Gabriel Batistuta. A group of the Italian club's fans have paid for a star to be named after the Argentinian player, who said: "it's an extraordinary idea, i'il be remembered forever."

if anyone can Canon can

our way to a well-deserved vicfory in a competitive match. Again, it was a British goalkeeper, this time Simon Mason, goal to secure the play-off place.

Britain will play the hosts, Malaysia, tomorrow for the bronze medal, writes Bill Colwill. The British coach, David and the full-back Jon Wyatt sus-Whitaker, said: "We battled pended for a bad tackle.

leave the pitch with an injury As the game became ill-tempered, it was with relief that McGuire shot home his second

Britain restore some faith who kept his side in the game NY Yankses _____20 12 .625 Battimore _____17 18 .515 during the early Dutch assault before Britain took the lead two minutes from the interval with their fourth penalty corner. The Dutch started the second half with another onslaught, and British fortunes were not looking good, with their acting captain, Roh Thompson, having to

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The former West Ham striker Steve Jones has completed B move back to Upton Park after a two-year spell at Bournemouth in a £200,000 deal, which sees the striker Mark Watson so

In Monday's 20-page sports section

Gooch looks to the future



"I'll be looking for olayers with character. There is no better place for judging that than from 22 yards, where you can see what's going on in a bowler's head by looking into his

As he winds down a distinguished career, Graham Gooch (above) talks to Derek Pringle about his latest challenge as a Test selector and what life might hold should he decide to retire at the end of the season.

Down Wembley Way...

Glerm Moore and Ken Jones give their verdict on today's FA Cup final and Mike Rowbottom on another attraction at Wembley's this weekend tomorrow's Pub Cup final

and around the world

Thanks to television, the FA Cup final is a truly global event. How did the rest of the world watch Everpool against Manchester United?

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Extensive coverage of all the major sporting action Sports betting Book of the week and Greg Wood has The Final Word

In tomorrow's Independent on Sunday



"Though many more do not, some instantly to the international stage overcoming the . nerves, tuning in to the pace, daring to attempt things with the ball; just looking like they belong. Damen Anderton is some player...One can

almost pure the objections up North; more special interprets for another Spurs player in the Venables regime. It is to ignore, though, that Alex Ferguson has tried to buy him for Manchester United and, more important, that he is a player with a wide range of attacking skills, his versatility making him an attractive prospect for a major championship campaign.

lan Ridley spotlights the Tottenham player's timely return to the international stage

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ey, Stan Hey and Norman Fox at the FA: Cup final

Simon O'Hagan on Surrey's Alistair Brown and the new cricketing art of the pinch hitter Andrew Baker on the remarkable recovery from illness of a leading British squash player

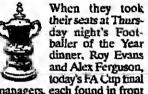


Final preparations: The pitch at Wembley Stadium gets a last-minute trim before today's match between Liverpool and Manchester United

Liverpool midfield holds key

GLENN MOORE

Football Correspondent



today's FA Cup final managers, each found in front of them a set of Chinese "healthy balls". A gift from Sky, they are supposed to be ro-tated in the hands to beat stress.

This morning, as the pair pack their bags for Wembley, they may feel tempted to take the balls with them. It could be a very stressful day.

The only thing that can be

predicted with any degree of between Liverpool and Manchester United is that it will be tight. Even the bookmakers cannot decide the more likely

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Manchester United ought to be favourites. They are the league champions and are appearing in their third successive final. But Liverpool have twice mastered them this year, gain-ing the better of a draw at Old Trafford and defeating them comprehensively at Antield.

This is the opposite of how things used to be. When rerguson arrived at Old Trafford nearly 10 years ago Liverpool were the champions and United usually beat them.

"We were never afraid," recalled Ferguson. "We were the one team they knew would try and beat them and it used to un-settle them. The big motivation for United was that Liverpool were the dominant team in English football, so beating them was the most important

thing of all.
"Now it is reversed. We go there and the volume of support

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Make the loagest word you can from CEFEFERTI Yesterday's Screenble: DAKTEDARD

Medway (6)

postcode, Last week's winner was Margaret Rowley of Comber, Co. Down.

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upcoming role (8)

us, you would think it was VE Day. But that is the position I wanted this club to be in - that we go over there and they are desperate to beat us."

The last point does not quite square with Ferguson's now customary reaction when teams, be it Liverpool, Leeds or West Ham, lift themselves against Umted, but it is probably a more accurate reflection of his true

Today's game promises to be the best final for at least five years - since Tottenham beat years - since Tottenham beat Nottingham Forest and Gazza crocked his knee, Both sides are attractive to watch and have a clutch of exceptionally gifted attacking players. A match win-ner? Take your pick from Robbie Fowler, Stan Collymore and Steve McManascan, or Edu-Cantona, Ryan Giggs and Andy Cole - if he plays?

Cole's is just one of several

Friday's Solution

Any fool will trap Conser-vative repeatedly over Eu-

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Middlesbrough but Paul Scholes has looked sharper all season. Then there is his warkerse, Steve Bruce, who pulled up lame in last year's final - does he risk him again, or pick David May, outstanding in the last two matches? Which Neville, Phil or Gary? And David Beckham - or Lee

Snarpe!
While Ferguson will not name his team until 2pm today, Evans announced his yesterday. There were no surprises, Phil Babb and Jamie Redknapp being preferred to Neil Ruddock and Michael Thomas. Ferguson is also trying to plot

the best way to defeat a Liverpool playing style which bas given United problems. These have come when Liverpool "We are alright when we have it". The difficulty, as several sides have found, is getting the against us is incredible. The way dilemmas for Ferguson. He ball. "Il is the number of play-mani Liverpool have not beat-

the full-backs push on. We will need to work hard to get into and Nicky Butt. Their impact on the passing of Redknapp and John Barnes may be just as important as the forwards' finish-

Then there is Ian Rush, the cup's leading scores, who will probably be playing his last game for Liverpool. Last time he was on the beach for this tie he came off it to score twice as Liverpool beat Everton in 1989. "If I get on for long enough I'm sure I'll score against them," he

Naturally both sides are looking for omens. While Liverpool are staying in the same hotel as they did when winning in 1992.

- Unliked have up and for the "lucky suit", choosing the same designer, Cecil Gee, as in 1994. Liverpool are dressed by Ar-

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It is important that someone wins it A Thursday replay would so hamper Terry Venables he tried to persuade the FA to the problem to the FA to was settled by Jimmy Greenhoff's chest. As far as Venables is concerned today's winner can come off the referee's bac they celebrated when they beat scored with his first touch at ers they bave in midfield when en United in seven cup matches side as long as there is one.

since 1921, including the 1977

come down to the individuals

and nothing else. There is ob-

viously a gap because that is what the league table says,"

Evans said. "I think on our day

we are as good as anybody but,

while the players have matured individually, perhaps they have not quite matured as a team."

Evans, who was one of Graeme Souness a assistants in 1992, added: "All I can re-

member is actually winning it.
On the day nothing else really

All this is, of course, stuff and

Routes to the final LIVERPOOL

3rd bt Rochdale (h) 7-0 Scorens: Collymore 3, Fowler, Rush, McAteer of 4rd bt Shrewsbury (a) 4-0 5rd bt Charlton (h) 6rd bt bt Leeds (h)* 3-0 Scorers: McManamen 2, Fowle * Replay after 0-0 at Elland Road SF bt Aston Villa

MANCHESTER UNITED

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Scorers: Fowler 2, McAteer at Old Trafford

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SFA probes Stubbs deal

ALAN NIXON

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Celtic yesterday unveiled Alan Stubbs as their centre-half of the future, but his £3.5m move from Bolton was almost immediately placed in doubt when the Scottish Football Association announced there would be an investigation into the deal because of the involvement of unlicenced agents.

The problem may arise because of the involvement of Neil

and Ian Rioch - brothers of the Arsenal manager, Bruce. They have yet to pay the £100,000 bond to gain a licence to handle transfers. That has caused a storm in the agent's community, many of whom are upset to bave paid the cash while oth-

A complaint was lodged with the SFA, which immediately started a full investigation on behalf of Fifa. If Celtic or Stubbs

ers have not.

are found guilty, the penalties could be severe. The maximum fine for a player is £30,000 with a possible year's suspension while the club can be banned from all competitions for a season.

Neil Rioch claimed last that no wrong-doing had oc-curred and hoped to be cleared by the inquiry. He said: "I think we are OK. We are licensed under Phil Morrison la licensed agent] and we would not have done it otherwise or jeopardised Alan's future."

However, the international agents' organisation, Iafa, is lobbying for an example to be made of a big club and a top Football Association, said yesterday: "The Riochs are not licensed. There was an application a year ago, but they never followed it up."

Bruce Rioch has been trailing Stubbs for most of the sea-

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frustrated at Arsenal's inability to make the signing. However, from the club's point of view, the alleged involvement of the manager's brothers in the transfer, and subsequent investigation, might be a cruse of substantial embarrassment.

Stubbs is thought to have favoured a move to Arsenal, and even when he headed to Glasgow on Tuesday there was time for Arsenal to rescue the move, but key figures were abroad and Rioch learned Stubbs had chosen Celtic too late to prevent it.

Following the George Graham affair, Arsenal have opted to greatly reduce their manage player. Clare Tomlinson, of the er's role in transfers, with David Dem, the vice-chairman, taking an active role. Rioch has found this frustrating, and while his contract remains unsigned an air of doubt will continue to hover over north London.

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